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OFF TO SEA

Participants in the 37th Annual International Fishing Tournament make their stately way out of the Smiling Cove Marina in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 10, for the first day of the tournament. Photo taken by licensed commercial drone pilot BJ Eddy. Check out his YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/mydiGis7xwY>. Day 1 saw the crew of *Da'Net*, captained by John Hattig Sr., reel in the biggest billfish, which tipped the scales at 358 lbs, after an hour-and-a-half struggle.

BJ EDDY

Man pinned beneath truck in auto-pedestrian collision

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 REPORTER

The shaky video circulating online last Saturday showed the distressing and shocking sight of a man pinned beneath a pickup truck whose hood appeared to be crumpled, while

a trail of blood was draining toward the side of the road.

It was later learned from police that the incident was an auto-pedestrian collision that happened over the weekend along Middle Road in

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\$480M deal agreed for Marianas Medicaid

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) announced yesterday a bipartisan agreement to provide the Marianas with \$480 million in federal

Medicaid funding over the next eight years. The local match will be 17%, lower than any state government.

Sablan said legislation to

enact the deal is planned for introduction early next week; and he will be an original cosponsor of the bill.

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HK back in CNMI visa waiver program

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announced Friday that the Biden administration has approved his request for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to re-include Hong Kong in the CNMI Visa Waiver program.

Torres wrote Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on April 8, 2021, commending the Biden administration for support during the pandemic, while formally requesting DHS to re-include Hong Kong on the CNMI Visa

Waiver program in order to safely resume tourism.

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

AT A GLANCE

As of 7:24pm, July 11, 2021

VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated: **66.6%**

Days since last community transmission **110**

Pfizer/BioNTech	
Initiated:	25,864
Fully Vaccinated:	23,833
Moderna	
Initiated:	4,167
Fully Vaccinated:	3,936
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	471

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	8,423	8	8,431
Recovered	8,190	0	8,190
Active	92	8	100
Deaths	140	1	141
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	181,135		

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	185	0	185
Traced via Travel Screening	149	0	149
Traced via Community Screening	36	0	36
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested	33,243*		

*Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CHCC has opted not to report active and recovered cases.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

CURRENT COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



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The Northern Marianas College's Staff Senate named three employees as "Staff of the Quarter" award-ees.

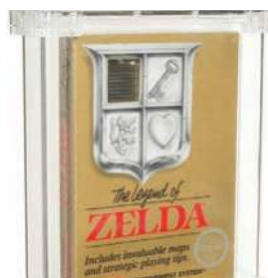
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Savory Cuisine at Kada Dia is branching out to Savory Café and Bistro along Beach Road.

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A copy of The Legend of Zelda that was made in 1987 has sold at auction for \$870,000.

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Local

Court grants presumptive death certificate for Encabo

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The CNMI Superior Court has granted the request of family members for the issuance of a presumptive death certificate for 21-year-old Honorio Ricky Encabo II, exactly a year since he was swept out to sea.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has directed the Registrar of Vital Statistics to prepare a death certificate marked “pre-

sumptive” for Encabo and to indicate that he died on July 5, 2020.

Micronesian Legal Services Corporation’s Zane Mowery petitioned the court to issue a presumptive death certificate for Encabo on behalf of Marithel A. Johnson, the mother of Encabo’s only child.

In his order, Camacho made a specific finding that Encabo drowned on July 5, 2020.

According to the order, the day after Encabo’s disappear-

ance, his torn and ragged shirt was discovered near the underwater cave into which he had disappeared, along with one of his shoes.

Searchers were able to identify the shirt and shoe, saying that they were worn by Encabo when he went on a hike to the Infinity Pool on Saipan, based on photos taken on July 5, 2020, that Johnson had provided to the Department of Public Safety.

Two days after Encabo’s

disappearance, tattered remains of Encabo’s shorts, his underwear, and one of his shoes were found.

Each article of clothing had been torn, with the shorts and underwear having signs of what appeared to be a large bite mark, Camacho stated.

Department of Public Safety Officer Juanna Tedtaotao, who was called to testify, stated that such tearing could have been caused by sharp rocks or by wildlife.

“Encabo did not suffer any pain related to the bite marks and other indicia of animal predation as those things happened afterwards,” the order stated.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Encabo’s body was never recovered despite a four-day long search conducted by the CNMI Department of Public Safety with help of other professional divers.

Encabo was part of a group of three who had gone to the area for a hiking trip. He was with Analyn Pabilona and Johnson. They were report-

edly along the edge of a natural formation called “infinity pool” in As Teo when Encabo slipped and fell.

According to Pabilona, Encabo fought as hard as he could to rejoin them soon after being swept to sea, despite being weakened by the numerous cuts and scrapes on his body, an injured knee, and his head crashing into a rock.

Encabo was born on Saipan and was a resident of Susupe. He was the son of Yunis Ricky Encabo and Freddie Calicdan Encabo.

Senate OKs removing marijuana from pre-employment testings

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The Senate passed Thursday a bill that will remove—with certain exceptions—marijuana from all pre-employment testing and random testing that all government employees go through, as implemented by the Office of Personnel Management.

Senators adopted the report of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations, then moved for the passage of Senate Bill 22-01 in the form of Senate Draft 1.

Sen. Karl R. King-Nabors (R-Tinian) chairs the committee.

Six senators voted “yes,” two voted “no” and one—Sen. Victor B. Hocog (R-Saipan)—was not present during the voting as he left the Senate chamber prior to the chamber acting on the bill.

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for action.

The six senators that voted “yes” were Senate president Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) who is the bill’s author, vice president Justo S. Quitugua (R-Saipan), floor leader Vinson F. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), King-Nabors, and Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota).

Sens. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Rota) and Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan) voted against the bill.

Santos pointed out that the Federal Workforce Act of 1988 essentially says that any entity that receives federal grants or funds must be a drug-free workplace or it’ll lose its federal funding.

“Pre-employment testing is a key part of this policy,” Santos said.

Given that some agencies and departments of the CNMI government rely heavily on federal funds—as is currently

the case—approving this legislation will jeopardize the availability of those funds, she said. “We cannot afford to do just that, given our state of economy worsened by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic,” Santos said.

The senator said this reason was further echoed by the CNMI Office of Personnel Management director who does not support the bill in a letter to the committee.

» **Santos, DeLeon Guerrero oppose the bill’s passage**

In voting “no,” DeLeon Guerrero said the U.S. government maintains that cannabis is dangerous enough to merit Schedule I status.

DeLeon Guerrero said the CNMI is a recipient of millions of federal funds that requires assurances from state grantees of these funds are for a drug-free workplace.

She said removing marijuana from pre-employment testing also sends the wrong message, where much of the private sector promotes a drug-free workplace, yet the public sector that is supposed to provide efficient public service is going in the opposite direction.

“It would be interesting to see the public sector’s cannabis employment data between medical prescription use vs recreational use, but then again, was this even analyzed before passage?” the senator asked.

Hofschneider stated in the bill that the enactment of Public Law 20-66, the “Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018,” authorized the personal, medicinal, and commercial use of cannabis or marijuana in the CNMI.

Yet, Hofschneider said, P.L. 20-66 did not change or amend the drug testing policies of the CNMI government and still includes testing for marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinols in a person’s system as a condition of employment.

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New car and \$30K up for grabs in vaccination raffle

The CNMI government is sweetening the pot to convince more people to be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus by offering a brand-new 2021 Nissan Rogue Sport sports utility vehicle as a grand prize in a raffle that also features weekly cash prizes worth a total of \$30,000.

The raffle, which is part of government's vaccination campaign, "Road to 80," which refers to the goal of

having at least 80% of the CNMI's eligible population be fully vaccinated in order to achieve herd immunity, will hand out weekly cash prizes until the grand prize drawing on Aug. 28.

The raffle is a collaboration among the Office of the Governor, the Marianas Visitors Authority, Joeten Enterprises, Inc., Bridge Capital, LLC, and TanHoldings. More details on the raffle itself, its terms

and conditions, and how to qualify for the raffle will be detailed soon.

Learned through Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief

executive officer Esther Muña earlier said the CNMI's target is to have 80-85% of the eligible population fully vaccinated in order to claim herd immunity, a form of indirect disease/infection protection

that is achieved when a certain percentage of a population is vaccinated, reducing the chances of community spread and allowing those with no immunity to remain healthy without receiving a vaccine shot or

being exposed to disease.

Those wishing to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations can schedule an appointment online at vaccinatecnmi.com or over the phone at 682-SHOT (7468). *(Joshua Santos)*

Falun Dafa set to mark 22th year since being targeted by China govt

The Falun Dafa Association Saipan will be commemorating the 22nd anniversary of the group's persecution by the Chinese Communist Party on July 20, 1999, and will mark the occasion with multiple events in the days leading up to July 20.

Beginning Friday, July 16, the religious movement and its adherents will conduct motorcades, hold banners at the San Jose intersection near Atkins Kroll Saipan, and will have a candlelight memorial at the Falun Dafa Center.

According to a Falun Dafa Association Saipan representative through email, Catherine—who prefers to only go by her first name—shared with *Saipan Tribune* that Falun Dafa will hold 15-vehicle motorcades from July 16-18, Friday to Sunday, from 4:30pm to 5:30pm on all three days. Catherine also said that Falun Dafa adherents will be exhibiting banners and giving out lotus flowers to the community at the San Jose intersection from 3pm to 5:30pm on Monday, July 19. On July

20, a "candlelight memorial activity" will be held at the Falun Dafa Center from 7:50pm to 8:30pm in honor of the Falun Dafa practitioners who lost their lives in China due to their beliefs.

Catherine welcomes anyone in the community to take part in any of the organization's celebrations this month. "Everyone is welcome to personally experience the physical and mental health and beauty that Falun Dafa brings to people through understanding the truth. The universal values of 'truthfulness, compassion and forbearance' are like a clean stream that washes people's hearts," said Catherine in an email.

Falun Dafa, or Falun Gong, is a religious movement that was formed in the early 1990s. *(Joshua Santos)*

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Restrictions ease as Guam nears 75% of adults already vaccinated

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam could be lifting more travel restrictions as its vaccination rate approaches 75% of the adult population.

Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero has been advised by her Physicians' Advisory Group to consider lifting the U.S. territory's travel restrictions once 75% of the adult population has been fully vaccinated, the

Pacific Daily News reported Thursday.

Guam has already lifted travel quarantine and testing rules for fully vaccinated people. Everyone else must be tested within three days of their arrival to avoid quarantine.

Currently, 72% of Guam's adult population is fully vaccinated, officials report. The

islands could be just days away from 75%, the newspaper reported.

At 80%, the governor said she will "liberate" people from the pandemic. Her goal is to reach 80% by July 21.

"My vision for Guam after July 21 is to get back to normal," the governor said, adding that she would still encourage masks but plans to drop

occupancy limits and social gathering restrictions.

Guam's tourism economy has suffered amid the pandemic and the territory is looking for ways to jumpstart business.

"With more residents protected by vaccines, we've made great strides to shift from COVID response to now, recovery," the governor said.

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ARPA appropriation bill back in Senate committee

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The Senate did not entertain for action during a session Thursday a House bill that seeks to give the Legislature appropriation powers over the CNMI's share of American Rescue Plan Act money.

This developed as floor leader Sen. Vinson F. Sablan (Ind-Saipan) moved at the session to remove House Bill 22-33 from the bill calendar for action because its placement is not in accordance with Senate rules. Sablan pointed out that, according to the rules, it's the floor leader who places bills on calendar.

Also, Sablan said, Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota) has asked for continued deliberations on the bill at the committee level since he (Hocog) is in communication with several



Senate floor leader Vinson F. Sablan (Ind-Saipan). **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**

House's members on the legislation.

Sablan requested the clerk to remove the bill from the calendar as the legislation still remains with the Fiscal Affairs Committee for further deliberations.

Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) stated that Senate members agreed during the previous session to place the bill on calendar. Manglona said he made the motion to place the bill on final reading calendar in the prior

Senate session and that no one had objected at that time.

Manglona moved to vote on the bill. Sen. Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan) seconded Manglona's motion.

Sablan, however, asserted that this will only happen if the floor leader makes the motion to place the bill on calendar.

Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) sided with Sablan by taking the bill off the calendar.

The bill now remains with the Senate Committee Fiscal Affairs Committee for further deliberations.

Manglona told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that it's his opinion that the Senate should just take a vote on it now, and stop making excuses, such as procedural deficiency. "We are running out of time and the legislature need to make sure ARPA funds are allocated

PSS' vaccination campaign offers smartphones, \$500

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The CNMI Public School System, through its COVID-19 vaccination campaign "Vaccination for Education," is making the push to increase the vaccination numbers of its 12-and-older student population and to increase the chances of having face-to-face classes for the 2021-2022 school year.

Up for grabs through the campaign are 14 prizes consisting of smartphones with one-year contracts or \$500 cash prizes. The deadline to qualify for the giveaway is Aug. 17, and the winners will be announced on the first day of classes, Aug. 18.

To qualify for the giveaway, PSS asks students to submit their com-

pleted COVID-19 vaccination cards to their respective school's registrar. The number of entrants is undetermined for now since, according to communications and media coordinator Randee-Jo Barcinas-Manglona, a total count of entrants will be done on Aug. 17.

Barcinas-Manglona said the "Vaccination for Education" campaign has been PSS' main focus in encouraging its students to get vaccinated. The campaign was launched on June 14 this year.

As part of the campaign, several public schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota have been or will be used as vaccination sites throughout the month of July. Most recently, Tanapag Middle School was a vaccination site on July 7-8. Next, Marianas High School will serve as a vaccination site on July 13-

14 from 8am to 2pm on both days.

Barcinas-Manglona sees the campaign as "an exciting opportunity to offer our students a small incentive for such a huge and important effort."

While COVID-19 vaccinations are not required, she said the safety of PSS' students will always be its main priority. "While we are not requiring the COVID-19 vaccination, we are highly encouraging it. The safety, health, and wellbeing of our students remain a top priority and that is why we have partnered with [the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.] to open up vaccination sites at various school locations on all islands. We are also working closely with CHCC to offer COVID-19 screening/testing at our schools in the near future," said Barcinas-Manglona.

VISA

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In his letter, Torres emphasized the importance of resuming tourism with trusted travel partners in order to support the long-term wellbeing of the people of the CNMI.

"Re-inclusion of Hong Kong allows us to better plan for the possibilities of resuming our tourism industry and is significant to the long-term wellbeing of the citizens residing in this region of the world. Our efforts to support a viable and prosperous American community here, and to build the foundations of economic diversification, rely on our ability to resume our tourism market," Torres wrote.

Hong Kong nationals used to be

able to come to the CNMI using just their passports and without first securing a U.S. visa. That ended after then-President Donald J. Trump's signed an executive order on Hong Kong Normalization last July 15, 2020.

In a statement following his Friday morning call, Torres said: "This is big news, as it allows us to jumpstart plans to reopen tourism with a stable and beneficial travel partner for the CNMI. Hong Kong has seen no local COVID-19 cases for a month, and they are gradually getting their people vaccinated."

"Any plans for resuming tourism will always prioritize the health and safety of our people first. We are committed to making sure our travel bubble with South Korea is done right to ensure the safety of both South Korean visitors and our

community."

"Our plan with Hong Kong is to build on our COVID-19 protective measures, vaccination rate, and beautification efforts by all our community partners to gradually get our tourism back to a true sense of normalcy. This means more economic growth, which provides our local people jobs, helps small businesses, restaurants, and hotels, and funds government services."

"We thank the Biden administration, most especially Secretary Mayorkas, and DHS for their approval of my request and for their support and recognition of the CNMI for leading the nation in handling the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a great first step, and I also thank our community for supporting us in our road to recovery." (PR/Saipan Tribune)

McMorris Rodgers said the bipartisan deal "will avert the looming fiscal cliff by providing Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa with stable Medicaid funding for years to come."

They said once introduced the bill would immediately be marked up by the Health Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee in preparation for a vote by the full

House of Representatives.

The bipartisan agreement extends the increased funding and improved federal/local matching rates of 83% and 17% that Sablan worked to enact in 2019. That two-year deal will now continue for another eight years for the Marianas and American Samoa, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Puerto Rico will receive a five-year extension with a federal/local match of 76/24. (PR)

reasonably," Manglona said.

He said the ARPA funding will aid in the restoration of hours affected by austerity.

The senator said there is no way the Legislature can say they are working on a balanced budget without incorporating ARPA funds in the budget equation.

"We must pass House Bill 22-33 now so we can truly say to our people that we have diligently worked to reasonably allocate all our limited resources and pass a balanced budget plan for fiscal year 2022," Manglona said.

He said their action on this bill will significantly determine the results of their efforts in addressing the CNMI's serious financial crisis.

"By passing this bill, we are essentially restoring the checks and balances of our government," Manglona said.

Last March 9, House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) voted twice—as authorized under House's tie-breaker rule—to break a 10-10 tie to pass House Bill 22-23, authored by Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota).

Military trainings set

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Army will continue to conduct scheduled training in Radio Barrigada until July 19 from 5am to 5pm. Blank ammunition will be utilized. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they hear or see increased activity.

The U.S. Army will conduct training on Tinian North Field on July 10-24 from 8am to 10pm. Blank ammunition will be utilized. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they hear or see increased activity.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training in Radio Barrigada, Dandan-Malojloj, South Finegayan, Agat Bay, Outer Apra Harbor, and Orote Point on July 12-15 from 9am to 11:55pm. Blank ammunition will be utilized in Radio Barrigada, Agat Bay, Outer Apra Harbor, and Orote Point. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they hear or see increased activity.

The U.S. Navy will conduct live fire exercises in open ocean July 12-15 from 9am to 11:55pm at the following coordinates: 13°26'N/145°08'E, 13°42'N/144°36'E. Marine vessels are advised to remain clear of the area for the duration of the event and to monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broad-

cast Notice to Mariners for advisories.

Military units will conduct live fire exercises in Warning Area 13 and Farallon de Medinilla on July 12-14 from 10:30am to 2pm and from 3-7pm. Marine vessels are advised to remain clear of the area for the duration of the event and to monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast Notice to Mariners for advisories.

The U.S. Navy will conduct live fire exercises in open ocean on July 12 from noon to 6pm at the following coordinates: 13°32'N/144°19'E, 13°32'N/144°24'E, 13°22'N/144°19'E. Marine vessels are advised to remain clear of the area for the duration of the event and to monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast Notice to Mariners for advisories.

The U.S. Navy will conduct live fire exercises in Warning Area 517 on July 13 from 3:30-11pm. Marine vessels are advised to remain clear of the area for the duration of the event and to monitor the U.S. Coast Guard broadcast Notice to Mariners for advisories.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

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Puerto Rico, and that the victim, who was rushed to the Commonwealth Health Center, had sustained massive injuries.

According to a report from the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, DFEMS was called to respond to the auto-pedestrian collision in the early hours of Saturday morning. At the scene DFEMS found the individual, who remains unidentified, under the Toyota Tacoma truck that had hit him.

The vehicle's driver, who also remains unidentified, told DFEMS that he did not see the pedestrian because it was dark. The victim in the video appeared to be wearing dark-colored clothes.

DFEMS officers saw that the individual was pinned face down under the front end of the vehicle and was still breathing. The DFEMS officers slightly lifted the front of the pickup truck while another put the vehicle on reverse to free the pedestrian.

After that, a spine board was positioned beside the man and DFEMS officers carefully rolled him onto the stretcher and immobilized him for transportation to the CHC Emergency Room.

DFEMS said the pedestrian sus-

tained a laceration/puncture to the back of his head, abrasions on his lower back, deformity to the right ankle, abrasions on his forehead, a lacerated chin, abrasions on his left arm, and abrasions on both knees.

According to DFEMS, the man was responsive at the scene. However, as of yesterday, *Saipan Tribune* has yet to confirm the status of the victim.

Saipan Tribune tried to obtain more information from Department of Public Safety spokesperson Dre Pangelinan but, as of 5pm press time on Sunday, Pangelinan has yet to issue a report of the incident.

Based on photos and videos circulating in various social media platforms, the man was seen pinned under a red Toyota Tacoma, near Island Apparel and Pacific Trading Co. in Puerto Rico. It showed the man lying on the ground surrounded by what seemed to be blood. The vehicle where he was under had a huge dent on the hood, with the hood popping off the vehicle. The front bumper of the vehicle also seemed to have detached from the car.

At the scene later that day, *Saipan Tribune* observed markings made by police on the ground along Middle Road, Puerto Rico that seem to indicate the position the vehicle was found in, tire marks in the grass, and some remnants of blood from the accident.

\$480M

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"I want to thank Frank Pallone, Jr., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Cathy McMorris Rodgers, ranking member of the committee, who worked with members on their respective sides of the aisle to reach this agreement," Sablan said.

In a joint statement, Pallone and

"CNMI gets over 50% vaccinated travelers per flight"

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Over 50% of fully vaccinated travelers composed of a mix of returning residents and visitors enter the CNMI per United Airlines flight from Guam, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Esther Muña during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting last week.

She acknowledged that about 25% to 40% of travelers entering the CNMI are unvaccinated, based on evidence and data collected from mandatory health declaration form required to be filled up with supporting documents upon entry to the CNMI.

This, she said, is why border protection in the CNMI is still in place. "We are aware that there are still risks with people coming as the variants are still out there. Some are more transmissible especially of you are not vaccinated. ... That is why we continue with data collection, evaluate and re-evaluate our situation as we continue to strongly protect our border," she said.

For travelers that are fully vaccinated, the process is much quicker: They get tested at the airport, get their bags, and walk out without having to go into quarantine. There are still rules that must be followed, though.

As of June 24, CNMI quarantine protocol vary depending on how the World Health Organization designated the risk level of the place where you're coming from. It starts at Level 1, which means low risk (where the CNMI is cur-

rently at), and increases to Level 4 (which means very high risk for COVID-19).

If you're coming from a Level 1 jurisdiction and if vaccination is verified, there is no test upon arrival, but you will undergo lodging assessment (if passed, there will be no quarantine; if not, you will be required to self-monitor). On Day 5, you will undergo testing (verified vaccinated individuals are eligible for expedited testing) and if the result is negative, the arrival protocol is deemed completed.

For those coming from a Level 1 jurisdiction but are not vaccinated or are unverified vaccinated, there is no test upon arrival, but you will proceed to government quarantine. You will then undergo a test on Day 5 and, if negative, arrival protocol is completed. If not, you will undergo isolation at a government quarantine facility.

If your place of origin is at Level 2 or more, a test is required upon arrival for both vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers. After passing a lodging assessment, vaccinated travelers will not go through quarantine, but will undergo Day 5 testing. If negative of COVID-19, arrival protocol is complete. Unvaccinated travelers will go to government quarantine, undergo 5th day test and if negative of COVID-19, arrival protocol is complete.

Muña praised the hard work that both the COVID-19 Task Force and community have put into achieving Level Green on the Community Vulnerability Scale (the safest level) and reaching a 60% vaccination rate at such a fast clip.

"When we reached 60% vaccination rate and changed to Level Green, we immediately looked at achieving 70% based on how this community has been successful in achieving herd immunity. In some ways, you can take-off your masks in the office because all of your staff has been vaccinated," she said. "...Yes. we are worried about the border but our community is good. ...With more people getting vaccinated in the CNMI, we can honestly say and with evidence that, yes, it is safe."

Aside from strengthening border protection, the CO-

VID-19 Task Force is not letting its guard down, especially with protecting children. To date, children 12 years old and up can get the vaccine. "The Centers for Disease and Prevention Center is working hard to get to the next level of vaccination and I know that there are discussions about vaccines on children 3 years old and above...but, again, making these children wear masks is a another layer of safety, coupled with practicing social distancing and washing hands," COVID-19 Task Force chair Warren Villagomez said.

"When we get to 80%, or herd immunity, we are going to be sitting down, re-evalu-

ating again this higher level of normalcy," he added.

Muna added that there is a program that they will be testing and working with schools at the end of July or early August to give children accessibility to the vaccines.

For their part, Frankie Elipitico vice president of advancement and administration at the Northern Marianas College, said the NMC Board of Regents recently voted to make vaccination for incoming students in the fall a requirement if they will attend the in-person classes.

"We already partnered with them [COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC] for the past

several months, we have had multiple vaccination events on campus and I think it will be better for all if we continue to advance that. I hope we can partner again in the coming weeks to make the vaccine more accessible, especially to our incoming students who have just graduated from high school and are starting the semester with NMC," he added.

According to the CHCC website, as of July 9, the CNMI needs 1,677 more vaccinated people (12 years old and up) to reach 70% by September and 5,915 people needed (12 years old and up) to reach 80% and thus achieve herd immunity.



REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** in MVA's Conference Room, Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

- 1) **Preliminary Matters**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
 - i. Regular Board Meeting – June 1, 2021
 - ii. Special Board Meeting – June 16, 2021
 - iii. Special Board Meeting – June 24, 2021
- 2) **Public Comments**
- 3) **Committee Reports**
 - a. Finance – Fund Status Report
 - i. Additional funding
 1. Dues & Subscription
 2. Sponsorship
 3. Travel
 - b. CNMI Travel Resumption Investment Plan
 - c. CNMI- Korea Travel Bubble
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a. Hafa Adai & Tirow Summer Jam – Update
 - b. MVA Korea Contract
 - i. Representation Fee
 - ii. Marketing: FamTour
- 5) **New Business**
 - a. MVA Office Rental
- 6) **Executive Session**
- 7) **Miscellaneous/Announcements**
- 8) **Adjournment**

/s/ **Viola Alepuyo**
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors



CNMI DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES CNMI GOVERNMENT



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SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 03, 2021 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

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/s/ **ELI CABRERA**
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ/DEQ

/s/ **FRANCISCO C. AGUON**
ACTING DIRECTOR, P.S.

One of three pleads guilty to forging driver's license

By **KIMBERLY B. ESMORES**
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REPORTER

One of the three defendants accused of helping produce fake CNMI driver's licenses pleaded guilty last Thursday before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Margarito Cortez Villafuerte pleaded guilty before District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona who ordered Villafuerte to return to court on Sept. 28 at 1:30pm for his sentencing.

Villafuerte, who remains out of custody, was ordered not violate federal, state, or local law while on release, cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample if it is authorized by the court, advise the court, in writing, before making any change of residence or telephone number, and to appear in court as required and, if convicted, must surrender.

According to court docu-

ments, the U.S. government accused Villafuerte and two others, of helping produce fake CNMI driver's licenses.

Villafuerte's co-defendants—Chun Li and Bernadita Zata—were also charged with one count of conspiracy to unlawfully produce an identification document.

Li was charged following the most recent forging incident, Jan. 19, 2019. The district court appointed Robert Torres to represent Li.

Court documents stated that back on June 21, 2017, Villafuerte conspired with an individual, identified as B.S., to produce a sham CNMI driver's license.

The federal court appointed Steven Pixley to represent Villafuerte.

As for Zata, she allegedly conspired and agreed with another person identified as B.S. to produce a CNMI driver's license back on Feb. 16, 2017.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT "Re-announcement"

OPENING DATE: July 12, 2021 CLOSING DATE: July 27, 2021 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

NMHC JVA No.	Positions:	Salary:
2021-023	Board Secretary	\$25,000.00-\$30,000.00 per annum- Ungraded

Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be accessed at www.nmhc.gov.net.

Applicants may submit their applications through the following options: Submission at the at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; or at the Drop Box located in front of the NMHC Central Office building; or email application and documents to officemanager@nmhc.gov.net.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

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For inquiries, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6866/9447 or by email to officemanager@nmhc.gov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director

NMC's Staff Senate recognizes three outstanding employees

As part of its efforts to recognize and acknowledge staff members' hard work and commitment to students, the Northern Marianas College's Staff Senate named three employees as "Staff of the Quarter" awardees.

The three individuals are:

■ **Renedel Buno**, Database administrator;

■ **Robbie Suzuki Jr.**, extension agent for the Family, Community, and Youth Development Program of NMC's Co-operative Research, Extension, and Education Services; and

■ **Raynard Travilla**, interim director for Marketing and Communications.

Each of them will receive a monetary prize and a reserved parking slot for the quarter.

"Congratulations to Renedel Buno, Raynard Travilla, and Robert Suzuki Jr. for your enthusiasm, quiet strength, and devotion to the work of the college," said Geri Rodgers, NMC Staff Senate president. "You are greatly appreciated!"

The Staff Senate sponsored the Summer Coffee Connection to celebrate three staff



Renedel Buno

members. They were nominated and voted by their peers for the coveted title of Staff of the Quarter.

"I am very grateful to the Staff Senate and the PROA family for this recognition," Buno said. "It is an honor to be working alongside this community. Also, I want to thank my fellow team members at the Information Technology department and the Office of Institutional Advancement—my work would not be possible without their help and support."

Travilla said that he is honored to receive the distinction.

"I am honored and humbled to receive this recognition," Travilla said. "I would like



Raynard Travilla

to thank NMC's Staff Senate and the staff members that voted. I would also like to thank and recognize the team that I work with on a daily basis at the Office of Institutional Advancement because they are just as deserving of this recognition as me."

Suzuki shared the same sentiments. "I want to thank the NMC college community for voting me as staff of the quarter," Suzuki said. "This acknowledgement came as a shock to me. All the work that I have done and continue to do within my capacity is to help supply our community and youth members with the skills and opportunities to be



Robbie Suzuki

self-sufficient and productive members of our society. I am very grateful and honored for this acknowledgment and for all the awesome leadership and mentorship from dean Patty Coleman, the program leaders at CREES, and [former interim NMC president] Frankie [Eliptico]. I look forward to continuing the work we do at NMC with the leadership of President Galvin De-leon Guerrero."

NMC president Galvin De-leon Guerrero said congratulated the three "for earning the recognition from their peers and thank them for their service to our students and the campus community." (PR)

Support group for families, friends of alcoholics, addicts starts July 17

A new support group called Al-Anon Family Group 12 Step Support Group for friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts will be having its inaugural meeting this Saturday, July 17, from 10:15 am to 11:15 am at the Paradise Dental Spa on Middle Road in Gualo Rai and will meet every Saturdays, at the same time and location.

For more information:

■ Call or text (670) 783-1900;

■ Follow on Facebook: Al-Anon Family Group CNMI;

■ Visit the website: www.al-anon.org;

■ Download the App: Al-Anon FamilyGroups.

Al-Anon is a mutual support program for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking or drug use.

By sharing common experiences and applying the Al-Anon principles, families and friends of alcoholics and addicts can bring positive changes to their individual situations, whether or not the alcoholic or addict admits the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help.

Al-Anon is not a religious program and there are no fees or dues to belong to it. (PR)

Public comments sought on Saipan Neighborhood Watch

The 16th Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council is soliciting input from residents, families, neighbors, friends, and businesses for the planned Saipan Neighborhood Watch Program.

The town hall meetings will be held on Saipan from 5:30pm to 6:30pm to solicit feedback about the installation of CCTV cameras initially at school bus stops (then later at sports and recreational facilities, public parks, etc.).

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

■ July 13, 2021: Kagman Community Center in Kagman 3;

■ July 15, 2021—Carol-

ian Utt in Garapan;

■ July 20, 2021—Tanapag Social Hall (across Sta. Remedios Church);

■ July 22, 2021—San Vicente Youth Park;

■ July 27, 2021—Koblerville Youth Center; and

■ July 29, 2021—GTC Elementary School.

In addition, residents can attend the meetings via Google Meet by sending their email address at least one day in advance to spnmunicipalcouncil@gmail.com for the meeting link.

For more details, call the municipal council at 664-2700 or 664-2701. (PR)

Hafa Adai & Tirow Summer Jam on July 31

In celebration of the resumption of international flights to the CNMI, the Marianas Visitors Authority is organizing the Hafa Adai & Tirow Summer Jam, which will take place on July 31, 2021, on Saipan,

to highlight the importance of tourism for the Marianas.

"Our board of directors has approved the hosting of the Hafa Adai & Tirow Summer Jam this month as a 'warm-up' for the return of tourism," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "Building on the success of the Tinian Hot Pepper Festival last February, this event is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the strength of our community protocols in responding to COVID-19 and to showcase some of the best of what the Marianas has to offer in terms of cultural and heritage tourism."

The one-day event is scheduled from 3pm to 10pm at the Guma Sakman in Susupe and will feature international cuisine and live entertainment. Entry is free. Activities will include a Battle of the Bands competition, the Youth Shoreline Fishing Derby organized by Tasi to Table, free canoe rides from the MVA by reservation, a vendor booth competition, a fireworks display, and more.

COVID-19 protocols will be strictly followed at the event, which is anticipated to also include a vaccination booth.

For more information, contact MVA community projects specialist Ed Diaz at ediaz@mymarianas.com or 664-3200. (PR)

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ITB21-CHCC/CGC-SOC-001
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"PROCUREMENT OF SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE"

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ CORA P. ADA
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY

JOB VACANCY RE-ANNOUNCEMENT
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JVA #	VACANT POSITION	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
JVA-21-004	SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MANAGING DIRECTOR	JULY 6, 2021	JULY 20, 2021
LOCATION		MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY, SAIPAN	

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY CONTACT THE MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY OFFICE AT (670) 664-3200/01 OR VISIT WWW.MYMARIANAS.COM FOR MORE DETAILS.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF:) Civil Action
RAYMOND JESSE) No.: 21-0152-CV
AGUON LEON) **NOTICE OF**
GUERRERO,) **HEARING**
Decedent.)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the petition of VICTORIA LOLA M. LEON GUERRERO for the issuance of letters of administration of this estate will be heard before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge, on the 15th day of July, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at Room 220, Superior Court, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

For further particulars, please refer to the Petition on file herein, or contact counsel for Petitioner, Joey P. San Nicolas, P.O. Box 10,001 PMB 602, Saipan, MP 96950; telephone (670) 234-7659 and email jpsn@sannicolaw.net.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2021.

Hon. JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
Associate Judge

Name: Anwar Hossain
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of)
the) FCD-AD
Petition for the) CIVIL ACTION
Adoption of:) NO. 21-0193
N.P.P.) **NOTICE OF**
By:) **HEARING**
Anwar Hossain)
Petitioner)

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 04, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 217A, before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2021.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/S/
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

Name: Ray S. Lazaro and Teresita S. Lazaro
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the)
Petition for the)
Adoption of:) FCD-AD
M.K.S.N. -) CIVIL ACTION
INITIALS ONLY) NO. 21-0224
Minor Child) **NOTICE OF**
By:) **HEARING**
Ray S. Lazaro and)
Teresita S. Lazaro)
Petitioner)

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on July 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom Tinian Courthouse before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2021.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/S/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:) CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-0175

TERESITA CAL PIAMONTE)
Decedent.)

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX and NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Date: Aug. 5, 2021, Thursday
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE TERESITA CAL PIAMONTE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Denicia Mary Avendano Dela Cruz, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Teresita Cal Piamonte and to appoint her as the Administrator. The attorney for Ms. Denicia Mary Avendano Dela Cruz is Colin M. Thompson.

The hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration and Appointment of Administrator is scheduled to be heard on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., in the Guma' Hustisia Supreme Court Courtroom, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against Teresita Cal Piamonte or her estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within **Sixty (60) days** of the first publication, or the claims will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to:

THOMPSON LAW, LLC
2nd Floor J.E. Tenorio Building
PMB 917 Box 10001
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone (670)233-0777
Fax: (670)233-0776
Email: Cmtlaw@live.com

SO ORDERED this 9th day of July, 2021.

/S/ HON. JUDGE JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
Associate Judge

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:) CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-0176

AGRIPINO SOLOMON PIAMONTE)
Decedent.)

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX and NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Date: Aug. 5, 2021, Thursday
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE AGRIPINO SOLOMON PIAMONTE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Denicia Mary Avendano Dela Cruz, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Agripino Solomon Piamonte and to appoint her as the Administrator. The attorney for Ms. Denicia Mary Avendano Dela Cruz is Colin M. Thompson.

The hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration and Appointment of Administrator is scheduled to be heard on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., in the Guma' Hustisia Supreme Court Courtroom, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against Agripino Solomon Piamonte or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within **Sixty (60) days** of the first publication, or the claims will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to:

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SO ORDERED this 9th day of July, 2021.

/S/ HON. JUDGE JOSEPH N. CAMACHO
Associate Judge

CNMI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

LAST CALL to apply for *LOST WAGES ASSISTANCE*

The Lost Wages Assistance Program, or LWA, funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides supplemental lost wages payments for the weeks of unemployment ending **August 1st**, **August 8th**, and **August 15, 2020** to eligible individuals.

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Payments of \$300 per week for all qualified individuals were made to over 6,300 individuals in the CNMI since April 2021.

If you qualify and have not received your payment, please contact us!

DEADLINE TO MAKE A CLAIM:

July 20, 2021



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We knew Surfside rescue efforts would end eventually. But it's still a terrible blow

In the face of tragedy in the unthinkable proportions of the Champlain Tower South collapse, we look for even the smallest respite—the heroic rescue of a victim out of the rubble, a moment that defies the odds, a sign that someone's story didn't end the night that night that Surfside building crumbled.

The announcement on Wednesday that the search-and-rescue effort for live victims was coming to an end was not a surprise to those who are far removed from the prolonged grief the Champlain families have endured. It's been 14 days since the collapse and no survivors have been found since the first day.

But for almost two weeks, workers have struggled faithfully to find survivors, in all weather, around the clock, risking themselves. Wednesday, that hope was extinguished. Authorities will now focus on a recovery mission, which they assured the public will be carried out with equal care. The victims, and their families, deserve dignity even—and especially—after death. There are still 94 people missing and the death toll stands at 46.

Also on Wednesday, a Miami-Dade County grand jury agreed to a request from State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle that it examine how to prevent such a disaster from occurring again. That's a positive development—one the Herald Editorial Board advocated for—though it is overshadowed by the pain and suffering of the families who held out hope in Surfside.

Silence and prayers

The moment of silence at the site Wednesday evening, along with prayers from different religious denominations, was appropriate. It was also a moment of sad resignation in the face of a human-made disaster that will forever haunt South Florida.

Miami-Dade Fire Chief of Operations Ray Jadallah said announcing the end of rescue efforts was “some of the hardest news I've ever had to deliver in my professional career,” the Herald reported. County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava broke down during a news conference on Wednesday as she described, in Spanish, how rescuers were searching the rubble as if they were looking for their own loved ones.

No matter how expected, this is a blow to the families and those trying to wrap their minds around the fact that entire families vanished in the dark that night. It's unfair. It's goes against everything we have been told: that we, and our children, are safest at home. If people's entire history could crumble in a matter of seconds, what certainties are there in life?

In the coming weeks and months, the focus will turn to who's at fault and what can be done to stop this from ever happening again. That's as it must be.

But for now, let's take a moment to honor the lives we lost and the stories they left behind. The grandma whose Shabbat dinners brought everyone together. The father

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Vaccine rollout is a success story unlike any in the world

By JILL ROSENTHAL and BEN HATT
INSIDESOURCES.COM

On May 4, President Joe Biden set the goal for 70 percent of adults to receive a COVID-19 vaccine dose by Independence Day. On June 22, the White House conceded that the nation was likely to fall just short of this mark.

While this may be the case, it's clear that the vaccine rollout, supported by the Biden administration's American Rescue Plan, has been a success, yet it will require a continued commitment to vaccine equity — reaching people of color and young adults, particularly in states and communities with low vaccination rates — in order to overcome the threats of COVID-19.

Before Biden took office, the United States had administered 16.5 million coronavirus vaccine doses in just over a month, with a little more than 14 million of those being first doses. Since then, more than 300 million vaccine doses have been administered, of which 164 million are first doses. In response, the number of deaths and hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have dropped by more than 90 percent and weekly unemployment insurance claims halved.

This success has allowed Americans to regain their lives. It's why Walt Rowen, owner of a decorative glass business in Pennsylvania, was able to overcome economic strife and welcome employees back to work; it's why a 17-year-old granddaughter was able to see her 101-year-old grandmother in Minnesota for the first time in over a year; and why two life-long best friends can now move into the same neighborhood in Florida after COVID-19 put their plans on hold.

Still, with many aspects of life returning to normal, the pandemic is not behind us. Cases have increased in states with lower vaccination rates, such as Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Montana. New variants may continue to emerge among the unvaccinated, particularly in colder months.

The United Kingdom offers a cautionary tale. Almost two-thirds of the country has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine—just under half the country is fully vaccinated—and yet the number of cases per day has returned to levels seen in February. The same variant causing such problems there is now gaining traction here. Experts estimate it accounts for one in five infections nationwide. This risks derailing the downward trend in cases, hospitalizations and deaths for the unvaccinated.

Preempting that risk relies on federal, state and local govern-

ments — regardless of political party — increasing vaccine access and confidence, reducing barriers and hesitancy, and improving equity. This must be done using strategies and messages that bridge divides and increase vaccine acceptance.

Two areas, in particular, must be addressed.

First, authorities must do more to ensure that there is equity in the vaccine rollout. According to a recent publication, while two-thirds of White people were projected to have received at least one vaccine dose by July 4, only 51 percent of Black people were projected to do so. At the same time, the disproportionate effect of COVID-19 on people of color seems to be growing. To guarantee that all Americans can get vaccinated, authorities must bolster efforts to make vaccines accessible and convenient. That means ensuring that vaccine clinics have expanded hours, are located in areas with high social vulnerability scores, and are on public transportation routes. They must also partner with trusted local community leaders.

Second, there must be a concerted effort to vaccinate young people. The United States is on track to reach its goal for adults 27 and older. For those younger, one problem is that the messaging has shifted. Young adults were, for a long time, described as low-risk and low-priority. Now, the message is they are critical to beating the pandemic.

We need to emphasize that young, unvaccinated people remain vulnerable to life-threatening symptoms and long-term health consequences from virus exposure, particularly with new variants — and that our success story of overcoming this pandemic relies on all Americans protecting themselves and their loved ones. Optimizing the use of social media platforms is vital to raising awareness about vaccine benefits, as are partnerships with influencers.

The vaccine rollout has been one of the greatest successes of the Biden presidency so far. Back in March, the president pledged, “If we do this together ... you, your family and friends can get together in your backyard ... and have a cookout or a barbecue and celebrate Independence Day.”

Vaccinated Americans were now safe to do so. We must redouble our efforts to ensure all Americans, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, geography or political affiliation, are able to go about their lives uninhibited by this virus.

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Chinese military growth and why it matters

There are several consequences that have come about from the United States going to war in Iraq and Afghanistan. One consequence is that China took the opportunity to build up its military as thousands of Americans, defense contractors, and innocent civilians died or sustained injuries in very violent and extended wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Part of China's growth is in its naval buildup, where more surface ships and submarines have been and continue to be constructed. Part of the reason for all this activity is that China seeks to secure permanent advantage throughout its near seas' region to influence geo-economic and geopolitical events, also enlisting

auxiliary and coast guard vessels for support. China remains intent on permanently contesting American military primacy in the Philippine Sea and the greater Western Pacific region, to complicate future American responses to a Chinese assault on Taiwan.

The massive American military buildup in Guam, Northern Marianas, and Philippine Sea is in part a response to China's rise. American-led multilateral training exercises, rotations, and related actions currently taking place are tied to efforts to strengthen regional deterrence.

A threat to Guam and the NMI

China has the capability to successfully attack Guam and the NMI. It has all kinds of missile weapons systems that it can use from the sea, land, and air. If China decides it wants to take back Taiwan, it will simultaneously seek to prevent the U.S. military from rapidly projecting force from the Marianas to counter an attack against Taiwan.

What makes this scenario most challenging for the United States is that a Chinese attack against Taiwan may prompt Japan to enter a war alongside the United States, which could quickly escalate into a regional hot war.

Second, Guam is not fully protected from incoming missiles launched by China from the air, sea, and land, putting our people at risk. The entire Marianas Islands' population remains without a hardened nuclear bomb shelter structure to go to should our island chain be attacked.

Third, the Marianas Islands lack a comprehensive missile defense system that would ensure incoming medium to long range missiles could be shot down.

Fourth, Guam and the Marianas are particularly dependent and vulnerable to damage that could be inflicted on undersea cable communications links that are used by the United States that include infrastructure tied to national security such as the HANTRU-1 undersea cable, which connects the Pentagon's missile defense range facilities in Eastern Micronesia to Guam. All undersea cables going through Guam remain crucial physical nodes that must be protected because of modern-day digital communications and connectivity requirements.

Yet Guam and the Northern Marianas are uniquely positioned to support American grand strategy disproportionately at a tremendous cost

It is in the American national interest to prevent one nation in the

RICK'S COLUMN

By RICK PEREZ

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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region from becoming too powerful in the maritime space, able to challenge America directly because of the immense wealth and natural resources found throughout the area.

The main thrust of American military activity in the Marianas is designed in part to enable the United States to conduct operations that are long-range, using manned and unmanned resources, nuclear-powered attack submarines, offensive military surface vessels, information, and subversion as needed.

Coastal areas off Saipan provide support to the Pentagon with regards to prepositioning surface vessels that carry military supplies for use in possible military contingencies in the Western Pacific and Asia. The northern islands act as key areas to train for unconventional war and small unit operations.

Unlike American military forces, U.S. allies such as the Philippines, Japan, Australia, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, and Hong Kong configure their militaries for near region conflicts, not for conflicts to be fought halfway around the world. Because of this, Asian military objectives are not necessarily focused on preparing to go to war with China because nations in the region are looking to sustain balance and rapprochement with neighboring nations, including China.

This divergence in objectives remains a fundamental challenge for the U.S. in the region. This stress factor has also placed a tremendous cultural, environmental, linguistic, and social burden on the Chamorro people of the Marianas, who have had no real final decision authority on the massive American military buildup taking place throughout our ancient island chain.

VICE AND VIRTUE SONNETS

On Cleanliness and Dirtiness

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Connolly's Cleanliness Catechism

"Tolerate no uncleanness in body, cloaths or habitation."
—Benjamin Franklin, *Thirteen Virtues*

Thank you, Mother. Wash your hands before dinner
get out of here take those muddy shoes off outside
get in the bathroom right now or you get no chow
there's food all over your face have you no pride
why should I have to clean it up it is his vomit?
when you're finished go out and help your brother
Get ready for church, take a shower, comb your hair
shine your shoes change your socks and underwear
brush your teeth and try to help your little brother
those were every Sunday orders heard from Mother
but she made the mess, Mom, so let her clean it up
don't get any ketchup on that new Sunday dress
how do I get this bicycle grease off my white shirt
Jokers always say cleanliness is next to godliness
wipe your butt and save your soul, I did I confess.

'Yakety Yak Don't Talk Back'

"Take out the papers and the trash or you don't get no spendin cash..."

—1959 song by The Coasters.

This room is a filthy mess who did this to it?
why didn't you gut the fish down by the beach
if you see dog poop do you have to step in it
brush your tongue before you start your speech
you don't think I smell cigarette smoke in the air
do I need to tell you to help grandma clean today
your father is very sick seems like you don't care
helping with household chores you get no pay
learn these things in the 'school of hard knocks'
does helping around the house give you fear
you know why John Prine sang, "put my socks
in a cedar box just get 'em' out of here?"
the car has two flat tires where is our old jack
don't argue with me, "yakety yak don't talk back."

SURFSIDE

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and mother of seven. The family of four who posed for photos with broad smiles. The family visiting from Colombia to get COVID-19 vaccines.

Say a prayer, if that's what you believe in. Hold your own moment of silence. Reflect. If you can help, do so by sharing your artwork of healing and hope with United Way Miami or by making a donation.

The hidden homeless

By DIANE NILAN

PROGRESSIVE MEDIA PROJECT

At an outdoor eatery near the Wisconsin state capitol in Madison, I witnessed a woman, whom I suspect lacked a place to live, respectfully ask diners for money. A few wordlessly complied, handing her a couple bucks. I was disturbed by this scene, as were others at nearby tables. My guess is that we were disturbed for different reasons.

For the past 35 years—as a shelter director, advocate and activist—I've been trying to address the problem of homelessness. In my latest efforts, as a one-woman nonprofit called HEAR US Inc. (www.hearus.us), I've spent 15 years chronicling family and youth homelessness as I've traveled cross-country filming interviews, producing short films, giving presentations and writing books.

Homelessness, for millions of people in the United States, consists of a plethora of challenges. To dispute the "homeless people are all mentally ill or addicts" myth, I created a chart, called "Other Stuff," pointing to the most frequently occurring issues that cause or perpetuate homelessness for families and individuals.

My travels, including my current stint filming families doubled up in residences or living in motels in and around Madison, Wisconsin, confirm what decades of experience and research have shown, but mainstream media apparently missed. Our nation's abysmal approach to homelessness narrowly focuses on those visibly homeless on the streets of virtually every community, tragically excluding millions of people, many of them children.

Dubbed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as "chronically homeless," these individuals face a gauntlet of obstacles in the quest for a safe place to live. HUD's endless "End Homelessness in 10 Years" campaigns, despite efforts by well-intentioned individuals and agencies, failed to overcome decades of budget cuts and congressional antipathy towards the broken and broke men and women wandering the streets.

Lesser known, though, is how HUD's policies grow homelessness. Millions of people not in HUD-funded shelters (for reasons including capacity and inflexible regulations) fail to qualify as homeless by HUD, and thus are ineligible for assistance. As Jani Koester, a longtime advocate for students experiencing homelessness in Madison, told me, "If you are self-paying in a motel or doubled up, you are given a few phone numbers for other resources but not included in the system for HUD housing supports." Koester convened a committee to address the invisible homeless family and youth population across Dane County.

Why expand services for those who lack places of their own to live? Because research confirms that family and youth homelessness becomes the unwitting "feeder system" for adults on the streets. Trauma and instability experienced by youngsters can fester into adult homelessness. As I interview parents, I ask if they were homeless as kids. Many were.

One father recently recounted how his childhood in a two-parent family crumbled with the onset of his father's violence. His mother fled with him and his brother to a domestic violence shelter. He stumbled but recovered to become stably housed. His brother did not.

In communities across the country, efforts are underway to focus resources on doubled up and self-paying families not considered homeless by HUD. Koester and her colleagues hope that a recent resolution introduced on the county level will lead to hiring someone to focus on these invisible kids and adults. Federal efforts are also pending.)

Part of my disturbance watching the woman asking for money the other night: I wanted to ask her about her childhood. I'm pretty sure I know the answer.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Ang CNMI Konseho sa Mga May Kapansanan sa Pag-unlad 2022 - 2026 Limang Taon na Plano ng Estado Layunin at Mithiin

Ang bawat Konseho ng Mga May Kapansanan sa Pag-unlad ng Estado (DD Council) ay kinakailangang magsumite ng isang 5 Taon na Plano ng Estado sa Pangangasiwa sa Mga Kapansanan sa Pang-intelektwal at Pag-unlad na Ahensya (AIDD) na nagbabalangkas sa inilaan na paggamit ng pederal na pag pondo na inilalaan para sa pangunahing pagbibigay ng pagpapatakbo. Ang mga Plano ng Estado ay nakatuon sa pagpapabuti ng kalidad ng buhay para sa mga taong may kapansanan sa pag-unlad sa pamamagitan ng buong pagsasama at pakikilahok sa lahat ng aspeto ng buhay sa pamayanan. Inaasahan ng pamahalaang pederal na makilala ng mga Kapulungan sa Mga May Kapansanan sa Pag-unlad (DD Council) ang mga layunin na maaaring makamit sa loob ng limang taon gamit ang mga magagamit na mapagkukunan. Inaatasan ng batas na Pederal na ang Plano ng Estado ay tugunan ang ilan o lahat ng mga Lugar ng Pagbibigay diin na itinatag ng Kongreso sa tulong sa Kapansanan sa Pag-unlad (Developmental Disability Assistance) at Panukalang batas ng mga Karapatang Aksyon (Bill of Rights Act) of 2000 (DD Act).

Ang Mga Lugar ng Pagbibigay diin ay ang mga sumusunod:

Pangangalaga sa Bata - Sinusuportahan ng Komunidad - Maagang Pamamagitan - Edukasyon - Pagtatrabaho - Kaugnay ng Kalusugan — Pabahay — Kalidad na Kasiguruhan — Libangan — Transportasyon

Ang mga iminungkahing priyoridad ng CNMI CDD ay nakalagay sa aming Limang Taon na Plano ng Estado, na binuo batay sa datos na nakalap mula sa isang pambuong estado na kailangan ng pagsusuri ng pinaka pangunahing pangangailangan ng mga indibidwal na may mga kapansanan sa pag-unlad at ang mga lugar na binibigyang diin na tututukan ng Konseho para sa susunod na limang taon. Maaaring isama sa mga diskarte ang adbokasiya ng patakaran sa publiko, pagbuo ng pamumuno at pakikipagtulungan upang pangalanan ang ilan. Mangyaring tandaan na ang CNMI CDD ay hindi nagbibigay ng direktang mga serbisyo.

Ang CNMI Konseho Tungkol sa Mga Kapansanan sa Pag-unlad Plano ng Estado para sa Pederal na Pananalapi Taon 2022 - 2026 Mga Mithiin at Layunin

Layunin 1 – Pansariling Adbokasiya (Pagsuporta)

Itaguyod at suportahan ang kaunlaran ng pamumuno at sa pansariling adbokasiya sa kapasidad kabilang ang mga taong may mga pag-unlad/pagsulong na kapansanan.

Layunin 1.1 - Adbokasiya/Pagtaguyod sa Sarili

Magbigay suporta upang mapalakas ang isang samahan ng pansariling adbokasiya ng Estado na pinamumunuan ng mga taong may kapansanan sa pag-unlad.

Layunin 1.2 - Adbokasiya sa Sarili

Sumuporta sa mga pagkakataon para sa mga taong may mga kapansanan sa pag-unlad na itinuturing na mga pinuno upang magbigay ng pagsasanay sa pamumuno sa mga indibidwal na may mga kapansanan sa pag-unlad na maaaring maging pinuno.

Layunin 1.3 - Adbokasiya sa Sarili

Suportahan ang pakikilahok ng mga taong may mga kapansanan sa pag-unlad sa ibat-ibang-kapansanan cross disability) at magkakaibang kultura ng mga koalisyon sa pamumuno.

Layunin 2 - Pagpapabuti ng Sistema ng Serbisyo

Makikipagtulungan ang Konseho sa mga kasosyo sa hindi bababa sa dalawa (2) na sistema na nagbabago ng pagkukusa at nagbibigay ng impormasyon, edukasyon, at mga aktibidad sa pagbuo ng kasanayan sa bawat taon upang ang mga indibidwal at / o mag-aaral na may kapansanan sa intelektwal at kaunlaran ay mapabuti ang mga serbisyo sa paglipat mula sa mataas na paaralan (high school) hanggang sa huling -paglipat ng paaralan sa makabuluhang mga kinalabasan pagkatapos ng paaralan na may sapat na mga serbisyo at suporta at nadagdagan ang mga pagkakataon sa pagtatrabaho sa CNMI.

Layunin 2.1 - Pagtatrabaho

Pagsapit ng 2023, lumikha ng mas maraming mga pagkakataon para sa mga batang may sapat na gulang at naghahanap ng trabaho na may mga kapansanan sa pag-unlad na magkaroon ng makabuluhang mga pagkakataon sa trabaho na may mapagkumpitensyang sahod at ipakita ang kanilang mga kakayahan at kasanayan sa isang lugar kasama na nagtatrabaho ang kanilang mga kapantay na walang mga kapansanan sa pamamagitan ng pagtatrabaho sa CNMI Disability Network Partners upang turuan ang mga pamayanan, kawani ng pagsasanay, at pagsulat ng isang patakaran ng estado bago ang Setyembre 2023 upang mapabuti ang mga serbisyo na sumusuporta sa ganap na isinama, makipag kompetensya sa trabaho.

Layunin 2.2 – Paglipat

Pagsapit ng 2023, makipagtulungan sa CNMI Transition Coalition, ang CNMI Disability Network Partners at iba pa upang lumikha o pagbutihin kahit isang kasanayan na idinisenyo upang mapabuti ang mga kinalabasan ng paglipat para sa mga mag-aaral na may kapansanan sa intelektwal at pag-unlad mula sa mataas na paaralan sa pamamagitan ng edukasyon / pagsasanay sa pagkatapos ng paaralang sekundarya (postsecondary).

Layunin 3 - Pangangalaga ng Pahinga (Respite Care)

Ang mga miyembro ng pamilya at / o mga nag-aalaga ng mga indibidwal na may mga kapansanan sa pag-unlad at mga indibidwal na mahina ang paggagamot ay magkakaroon ng daan(access) sa mga serbisyong pamamahinga na magagamit na magagamit sa pamamagitan ng Kagawaran ng Komunidad at Pangkulturang Pangkabuhayan (Commonwealth Respite Services Program) (CNMI PL 20-43).

Layunin 3.1 - Pagbabantay sa Pangangalaga

Pagsapit ng 2023, makipagtulungan sa Kagawaran ng Komunidad at Ugnayang Pangkulturan at mga kasosyo upang mapabuti at / o mapalawak ang pagsasanay sa tatlung (30) mga tagapag-alaga ng pahinga sa mga hindi makapag kalooban at hindi ligtas na pamayanan ng Tinian at Rota.

Layunin 4 - Paghahanda sa Biglaang Pangangailangan (Emergency)

Ang mga taong may kapansanan sa pag-unlad ay bibigyan ng parehong antas ng kaligtasan tulad ng lahat, na sangkot sa proseso upang magplano, magtaguyod, at pangasiwaan ang kanilang sarili kapag may isang emergency, at magkaroon ng isang malinaw na ideya kung ano ang gagawin sa ganoong sitwasyon.

Layunin 4.1 - Paghahanda sa Emergency

Pagsapit ng 2023, makipagtulungan sa CNMI Homeland Security at Emergency Management, CNMI Disability Network Partners, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, CNMI CORE at iba pang mga stakeholder na nakabatay sa pamayanan upang mabisang isama ang mga pangangailangan sa pag-andar at kakayahang mai-access ng mga residente ng CNMI na may mga kapansanan sa pag-unlad sa pagpapalano ng emergency.

Gusto ang Iyong (palagay/iniisip) Input:

Ang pampublikong pagsusuri sa Limang Taon na Estado ay kinakailangan ng batas at tumutulong sa amin na mapabuti ang plano. Ang panahon ng pagsusuri ng publiko ay nagbibigay ng apat na put limang (45) araw na bintana ng pagkakataon para sa mga residente ng CNMI na suriin ang mga bagong binuo na Layunin at Mithiin, at ibahagi ang kanilang mga puna upang makagawa kami ng mga makapagpapabuti. Inaanyayahan din namin ang iyong mga mungkahi para sa mga diskarte at aktibidad upang matulungan kaming makamit ang mga layunin at mithiin.

Ang Plano ng Limang Taon ng Estado ay magagamit sa tanggapan ng CNMI Konseho sa Mga May Kapansanan sa Pag-unlad (Council on Developmental Disability), gusali # 1310, Anatahan Dr., Capit o I Hill o maaari kang makipag-ugnay sa aming tanggapan sa teleponong (670) 664-7000 / 3/5. Ang iba pang mga naa-access na format ng dokumento ay magagamit kapag hiniling.

Mangyaring magsumite o magpadala ng nakasulat na mga puna sa pamamagitan ng email sa cnmicouncilondd@gmail.com. Para sa bawat komento, mangyaring sumangguni sa bilang ng layunin at numero ng layunin.

Panahon ng komento:

Hunyo 9 - Hulyo 23, 20 21

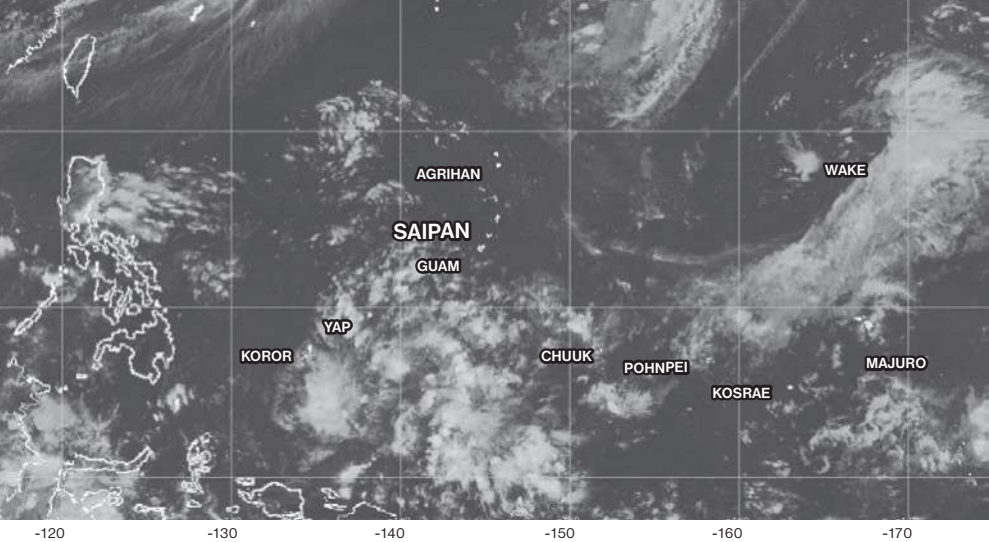
Ang mga puna ay dapat matanggap sa pamamagitan ng email ng 4:30 pm CHST sa **Hulyo 23, 20 21**.

Salamat sa iyong input!

Pagtanggi: Habang ang lahat ng mga pagtatangka ay nagawa upang mapatunayan ang ganap na kawastuhan ng impormasyong ibinigay sa publikasyon na ito, ang (Marilou Ang Babauta Interpreting Services) ay ipinapalagay ang responsibilidad para sa anumang mga pagkakamali o pagkukulang.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.		Mostly cloudy with numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	
88°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°	88°	78°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 7:24 AM, SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite imagery shows partly cloudy skies and isolated showers moving through the Marianas Waters. Upper-level lows are found both northwest and northeast of the Marianas. The Ipan buoys reveals combined seas of 3 to 5 feet composed mainly of east-southeast swell with an 8 second period and a sea surface temperature of 86 degrees.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mp and, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
 - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
 - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20

Source: Office of the Governor

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 75°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:53 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	7:32 AM	8:45 PM	-
Tuesday	8:27 AM	9:29 PM	-
Wednesday	9:21 AM	10:11 PM	-
Thursday	10:15 AM	10:51 PM	-
Friday	11:08 AM	11:31 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	61° / 54°	
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	93° / 79°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88° / 81°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86° / 75°	
London	Partly Cloudy	77° / 66°	
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	84° / 67°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°	
Melbourne	Showers	54° / 45°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	88° / 80°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	85° / 73°	
Osaka	Thunderstorms	90° / 79°	
Paris	Mostly Sunny	93° / 73°	
Busan	Mostly Sunny	88° / 77°	
Rome	Sunny	90° / 66°	
Salem	Thunderstorms	88° / 71°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	62° / 52°	
Seoul	Thunderstorms	88° / 73°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	88° / 75°	
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	91° / 76°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
3:26 AM	Low Tide	1.46	
7:58 AM	High Tide	1.98	
3:27 PM	Low Tide	-0.10	
10:41 PM	High Tide	2.03	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 1, 2021

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	6:30am	7:10am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7	UA174	4:50am	5:31am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA117/183	6:30am	8:50pm	5 via Guam	UA184/174	9:50pm	5:31am+1	5 via Guam
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Savory Café and Bistro: Good food and entertainment



Savory Café and Bistro is conveniently located along Beach Road (formerly Thai House).

BEA CABRERA

By BEA CABRERA
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CORRESPONDENT

Savory Cuisine at Kada Dia in Chalan Kanoa is branching out with the newly opened Savory Café and Bistro, located along Beach Road across Marianas Medical in Garapan.

Don't worry, Savory Cuisine at Kada Dia is still there for to-go orders. The new restaurant is for dine-in customers, with lots of tables to accommodate dine-in for two or large groups, the catchy décor and easy ambiance will surely delight once you enter and expect to be greeted by servers that looks polished with their uniforms and masks..

Besides this new restaurant and Savory Cuisine at Kada Dia in Chalan Kanoa, owners Jennifer Elayda and her husband, Miguel, also manage a manpower agency.

"We have a lot of people to help. ... That is why we have to keep looking for new business opportunities. We hire people from the manpower agency—those who are out of jobs because the hotels are closed and local residents, especially since it is summer break, we employed several students to help them learn and earn during the break," she said.

"Opening the restaurant at a time when the CNMI is under Level Green means business



From left, Savory Café and Bistro chefs Jay Adarve and Rudy Gatela, owners Jennifer and Miguel Elayda, the restaurant's staff, and JM Armas.

BEA CABRERA

owners like us have more opportunities because many restrictions have been lifted but our guard is still up because we still follow protocols that are still in place, like social distancing and wearing masks. ... We do this so we can serve people better," she added.

Savory Cuisine is open from 7am to 11pm and serves all meals—breakfast, lunch, and dinner as they have a variety of items on the menu. "We serve local food, American, Japanese, Filipino and Korean

dishes so we have the flavors that the community loves. We never take a break or close. We are open all the way," Elayda said.

"We have 'Happy Hour' for those who want to unwind after work and two karaoke rooms: One can sit 20 [persons] and the other 10, that's why we are open until 11pm. These rooms are also spacious and we have couches so people can be comfortable. We cater to families and friends who love to sing and get together. Our karaoke


rooms are also available for special functions like birthdays, etc.," Elayda said

Aside from food and entertainment, Elayde said that Savory Cuisine offers a variety of coffee and has free WiFi for those who want to work away from home. "...I'm so happy that we have a lot so we can cater to almost anyone. We had a big renovation for this place so we can have the area suited for people who want to eat, sing, study, or work.

"We're very thankful also

for all the government offices that helped us to open smoothly. They are really helping small businesses like us. To all our customers at Kada Dia, thank you for following us. We have a limited menu there but here at the restaurant, there are more options to choose from," she added.

Savory Café and Bistro is open Monday to Sunday, from 7am to 11pm. For more information, call (670) 233-6143 or go to their Facebook page: Savory Bar/Bistro.



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- Tracks drug tests, group attendance, individual counseling attendance, outside groups (Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Discovery Course) and other services;
- Provides case management;
- Coordinates/conducts individual, family and group therapeutic/educational/substance abuse treatment sessions/and crisis intervention;
- Conducts discharge planning and provides referrals for continuing treatment;
- Provides follow-up contact as needed;
- Communicates with Compliance Specialist and other Drug Court staff to secure resources for participants;
- Maintains files, records legal and case documentation in accordance with established regulatory policies and procedure;
- Attends staff meetings, in-service training, workshops, and interagency conferences to coordinate services;
- Attends Drug Court sessions as needed; and
- Performs other duties as assigned.

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Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills required for the position will be accepted.

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- Responsible for drafting, reviewing and implementing mission, vision, and policies for Specialty Courts, including the Specialty Courts' role in advancing and meeting the Judiciary's strategic plan;
- Assists with the planning, organizing, coordinating, managing, implementing, administering, and monitoring Specialty Courts services in accordance with applicable policies and procedures, judicial standards, and applicable statutes (local, state, and federal);
- Responsible for case management and screening activities of the designated Specialty Courts programs to include performing intake, assessment, establish case plan for referred participants, conduct program/phase orientation, and referrals to services as needed;
- Coordinates/conducts individual, family and group therapeutic/educational/substance abuse treatment sessions/and crisis intervention, as needed;
- Attends staff meetings, in-service training, workshops, and interagency conferences to coordinate services;
- Responsible for providing team members with guidance, assistance, or training, as necessary;
- Maintains current knowledge of all local, state, and federal regulatory developments, including best practices, governing administration of Specialty Courts implemented in the CNMI Judiciary;
- Maintains knowledge of the judicial system and its interrelationships with community stakeholders;
- Develops and maintains cooperative working relationships with different stakeholders, including but not limited to, Attorney General, Chief Public Defender, treatment providers, local law enforcement, Probation, Judiciary and community resources;
- Researches sources of program grants or funds at the local, regional, and national level for Specialty Courts;
- Participates in the retrieval, selection, summarization, and presentation of case data from a variety of sources in accordance with established regulatory policies and procedure for grant planning, supervisory conferences, and consultations;
- Conducts program needs assessment and submits requests for capital expenditures, staffing, and program enhancements where indicated;
- Drafts, prepares, and submits grant or budget proposals and track grant awards and spending plan for Specialty Courts pursuant to Judiciary policy for budget and grants management;
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- Develops, attends, and participates in conferences, meetings, and committees as the Specialty Courts representative;
- Maintains liaison and confers with state and federal agencies, private entities, non-profit organizations, and other community groups regarding implementation of specific Specialty Courts;
- Interprets and provides public information regarding agency program objectives and activities;
- Drafts and secures final of daily, quarterly and/or annual reports on program activities and performance benchmarks; and
- Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. university. Two (2) years experience in grants writing and management is preferred. The successful candidate must be proficient using a personal computer, including Microsoft Office software suite, possess excellent written and oral communication skills, and be able to work individually and as part of a team. Candidate must maintain confidentiality and handle sensitive information.

Criminal background check will be conducted. Applicants with criminal records will not be considered.

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Do fast workouts really work?

By ALLIE SHAH
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Finding time to work out in our harried lives can be one of the greatest barriers to making exercise a habit.

As an attorney logging 60-hour weeks in downtown Minneapolis, Amy Baumgarten knows this well. Recently, she noticed a busy friend's cut biceps and asked her how she does it. The friend's secret: intense exercise in as little time as possible.

This fitness regimen is based on an ever-evolving theory that says performing ultra-short, high-intensity workouts—sometimes as quick as four minutes a day—produces the same health benefits as longer bouts of exercise at a moderate pace. Think: swimming laps for several minutes at 90 percent of your maximum heart rate without stopping.

These minimalist exercises, as they're called, are a part of the all-intensity programs popularized by CrossFit-style gyms and the bestselling at-home DVD workouts like P90X and Insanity.

But skepticism abounds, as some doctors say the idea sounds too good to be true. The pace might be too much.

"This is working out at a level of exercise where your eyes are rolled back, or like you're running away from a pack of rabid wolves," said Dr. Tom Kottke, a cardiologist with HealthPartners.

Yet other health experts see a benefit in these short bursts of exercise—if applied correctly.

"There's good reason to include it in your workouts," said Mark Blegen, head of the Department of Nutrition and Exercise Sciences at St. Catherine University in St. Paul, Minn.

For years, U.S. government guidelines have recommended at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week for good health. Those guidelines are based on multiple, large studies showing that people who exercise for 150 minutes a week tend to live longer and are less likely to develop heart disease and diabetes.

Newer research suggests otherwise. Notably, in 2006 researchers at McMaster University in Canada studied participants pedaling on stationary bikes for three minutes, alternating between 30 seconds of pedaling as hard as they could and resting briefly. Researchers found that shorter, harder workouts pro-

duced the same health benefits as 90- to 120-minute bike rides at a slower pace.

Using findings from that and subsequent studies on high-intensity interval training (HIIT), the American College of Sports Medicine, or ACSM, recently came out with a total body workout that requires just 7 minutes to complete. The fitness market is now flooded with abridged workouts that promise results without having to devote hours to the gym.

Blegen went from skeptic to believer after seeing the amount and quality of studies coming out on high-intensity interval training.

"You're talking to a guy who forever has done 60 to 90 minutes of cardio. If I can cut that down—great!"

Blegen works out several days a week, and at least one of those days he gets on a stationary bike and pedals all out for 30 seconds, then rests, then repeats the sequence 10 times.

"There's not much room to debate that it will improve your (stamina)," Blegen said, adding that short but intense work-

outs also improve classic health markers, such as blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels.

This type of workout isn't for everybody, Kottke cautioned. The intensity required for the ACSM's 7-minute workout, for instance, is too much for most people. If weight loss is your goal, longer workouts at a lower intensity are far more effective at burning fat, Kottke said. "(With) this

kind of stuff, all you are doing is burning off your glycogen," he said, referring to stored glucose or carbohydrates.

Blegen agreed the minimalist approach has its limits. He thinks it would be a mistake to scrap the more traditional, longer cardio workout from your regimen. Instead, Blegen suggests incorporating HIIT into your weekly routine.

Since hearing about HIIT from her friend, Baumgarten has been going to Discover Strength gym in Minneapolis. In between her time in the courtroom, she's able to squeeze in a quick fitness program. But instead of doing several short workouts over the course of the week, she packs it all into 30 minutes—but only once a week. Her trainer pushes her through a series of intense strength exercises that work her legs and upper body.

Now, she's hooked on her minimalist routine.

"I have never looked more athletic and worked out less," she said.

TOTAL BODY FAT BURNING WORKOUT IN 15 MINUTES



5 Push ups
5 Repetition



15 Squats
5 Repetition



10 Reverse
Crunches



5 Lunges
Each side



15 Second
Plank

Life & Style

Marilyn Manson surrenders on New Hampshire assault warrant

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rock-er Marilyn Manson surrendered to police in Los Angeles last week in connection with a 2019 arrest warrant out of New Hampshire where he allegedly assaulted a videographer at a concert, authorities said.

Manson, whose legal name is Brian Hugh Warner, is charged with two misdemeanor counts of simple assault stemming from an alleged incident on Aug. 19, 2019 at the Bank of New Hampshire Pa-

vilion in Gilford.

Gilford police Chief Anthony J. Bean Burpee said Thursday that Manson had turned himself into law enforcement in Los Angeles the week before. Manson was booked and released without bail pending a court appearance in New Hampshire.

Manson's attorney did not immediately respond to requests for comment Friday.



Manson

The victim, a videographer, was in the venue's stage pit area at the time of the alleged assault, Gilford police previously said. The misdemeanor charges can each result in a jail sentence of less than a year and a \$2,000 fine if convicted.

Los Angeles Police Capt. Brent McGuire confirmed Manson's surrender to The Associated Press. Manson turned

"Because if they are ashamed, it means their moral compass is exactly where it should be," he said.

As he left the courthouse in the rain, he stopped briefly before a set of microphones while his lawyer, Danya Perry, told reporters, "A new Michael Avenatti is deeply humbled as a result of this experience."

The judge agreed, noting that Avenatti had not shown contrition or accepted responsibility for his crimes until Thursday, when he expressed "what I believe to be sincere remorse."

Gardephe said some leniency was deserved because prosecutors declined to charge Mark Geragos, a prominent attorney who played a critical role in the scheme. Geragos first reached out to a Nike contact and remained silent at meetings and on phone calls as he and Avenatti shared a "good cop, bad cop routine."

The Associated Press sent an email seeking comment to Geragos.



Avenatti

Avenatti sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for extortion

NEW YORK (AP)—A tearful, repentant Michael Avenatti, the brash lawyer who once represented Stormy Daniels in lawsuits against President Donald Trump, was sentenced Thursday to 2 1/2 years in

prison for trying to extort up to \$25 million from Nike by threatening the company with bad publicity.

Avenatti, 50, rose to prominence by sparring publicly with Trump, but criminal fraud charges on two coasts disrupted his rapid ascent. He was convicted last year of attempted extortion and other charges in connection with his representation of a Los Angeles youth basketball league organizer who was upset that Nike had ended its league sponsorship.

U.S. District Judge Paul G. Gardephe called Avenatti's conduct "outrageous," saying he "hijacked his client's claims" and "used those claims to further his own

agenda, which was to extort millions of dollars from Nike for himself."

Avenatti, the judge added, "had become drunk on the power of his platform, or what he perceived the power of his platform to be. He had become someone who operated as if the laws and the rules that applied to everyone else didn't apply to him."

Before the judge spoke, Avenatti delivered emotional remarks, sometimes choking up and speaking through tears. "I and I alone have destroyed my career, my relationships and my life," he said.

"Your honor, I've learned that all the fame, notoriety and money in the world is meaningless. TV and Twitter, your honor, mean nothing," he said.

He ended his statement by saying he expects his three children, including two teenage daughters who wrote letters to the judge, to be ashamed of him.

himself in at the department's Hollywood station on July 2 and was processed on the warrant before being released.

"This is consistent with anybody who has a misdemeanor warrant that is not local," McGuire said.

Manson also has faced abuse accusations—unrelated

to the New Hampshire incident—in recent years. He has denied wrongdoing.

In February, actor Evan Rachel Wood publicly accused Manson, her ex-fiancé, of sexual and other physical abuse, alleging she was "manipulated into submission" during their relationship. Months

later, "Game of Thrones" actor Esmé Bianco sued Manson in federal court in Los Angeles, alleging sexual, physical and emotional abuse.

The AP generally does not identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted, but Bianco and Wood have spoken publicly.

Unopened Legend of Zelda game from 1987 sells for \$870,000

DALLAS (AP)—An unopened copy of Nintendo's The Legend of Zelda that was made in 1987 has sold at auction for \$870,000.

Heritage Auctions in Dallas said the video game sold Friday.

The auction house said it was a rare version that was created during a limited production run that took place during a few months in late 1987. The Legend of Zelda is a popular fantasy adventure game that was first released in 1986.

"The Legend of Zelda marks the beginning of one of the most important sagas in gaming; its historical signifi-



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This photo provided by Heritage Auctions shows Nintendo's The Legend of Zelda. An unopened copy of Nintendo's The Legend of Zelda that was made in 1987 has sold at auction for \$870,000. Heritage Auctions in Dallas says the video game sold Friday, July 9, 2021.

cance can't be understated ... it is a true collector's piece," Valarie McLeckie, Heritage's video game specialist, said in

Léa Seydoux tests positive, may miss Cannes Film Festival

CANNES, France (AP)—Léa Seydoux, one of France's most famous actors, may miss the Cannes Film Festival after testing positive for COVID-19.

Seydoux has been fully vaccinated but she tested positive while working on a film, her publicist Christine Tripicchio confirmed Saturday. She is asymptomatic and isolating at home in Paris, hoping that negative tests on consecutive days could allow her to still attend the festival in the south of France.

Seydoux was set to be one

of the most ubiquitous stars at Cannes this year. She stars in four films at the festival, including three that are vying for the top Palme d'Or award—an honor she shared in winning with 2013's "Blue Is the Warmest Color."

At Cannes, Seydoux stars in Wes Anderson's "The French Dispatch," in Arnaud Desplechin's "Deception," in Bruno Dumont's "France," and in Ildikó Enyedi's "The Story of



Seydoux

My Wife."

On Saturday, Cannes organizers trumpeted the success of the festival, which is requiring either proof of full vaccination or a negative test within 48 hours for entry to the festival hub. Masks are required inside theaters.

Cannes is also testing around 4,000 people daily. Frémaux, artistic director of the festival, said Saturday there were zero positive tests on Friday.

Man breaks pact while demanding wife stick to it

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together almost 20 years. When we first started dating, I would have an occasional drink. He said he chewed tobacco, but I never saw him do it. We agreed that I wouldn't drink and he wouldn't chew. I found out later that he continued to do it about twice a year. I feel misled.

He doesn't want me to drink because of some incidents with his family when he was young. I've pointed out to him that this is controlling, but he insists it's not. There are times I would like to have a drink at family celebrations, and I can't and it's awkward. Should I really be held to something I agreed to when I was a young 20-something?

UNDER CONTROL IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR UNDER CONTROL: It may be time to revisit that deal you made with your husband. If he reneged, you are free to do as you wish. If these "incidents" involved his family, they have nothing to do with yours. And you should not be prevented from enjoying an alcoholic beverage at your family celebrations when you like.

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, my teenage nephew "Jim" gave my younger son his collection of trading cards. He'd outgrown the game, and my son was just starting to get interested. Before Jim

gave them away, my brother (his dad) suggested that some of the cards might be valuable and that Jim should check before giving them away. Instead, Jim decided to hand them all over.

It turns out that part of the collection is quite valuable, and we could sell them for a significant sum. I'm inclined to do that and put the proceeds toward my son's college fund, which would really help us out. The question is, should I split it and send half to my nephew? Usually a gift is the recipient's to do with as they'd like, but Jim was just a kid with a kind heart when he made this gift, and he was thinking more about playing the game than about money. He's out of school now with no debt and is established in a job. What do you think?

ACT OF KINDNESS

DEAR ACT OF KINDNESS: Jim doesn't need the money from the sale of those cards, but it could make a big difference to your son. Since you asked for my opinion, I would suggest you at least offer a portion of the money to Jim.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is married to a very nice man, but he's a know-it-all. When we have a conversation, he is always "right" and disregards my point of view. I know my daughter is upset by it but, of course, she takes his side. I have tried to be close with him, but he cannot take a joke or let any-

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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one have an opinion that differs from his. They have two beautiful children I love watching twice a week. What can I do?

NEVER RIGHT IN THE WEST

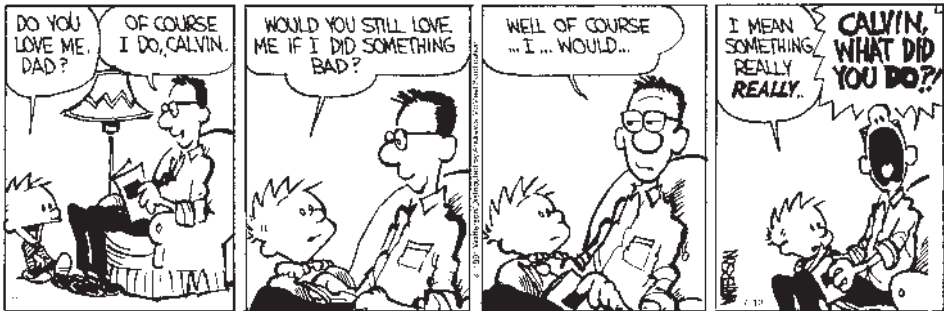
DEAR NEVER RIGHT: What you should do is start dwelling on the positive. Thank your lucky stars that the know-it-all is a good husband and father. Accept that you will probably never be closer to him than you are now, and derive your enjoyment from watching your beautiful grandchildren.

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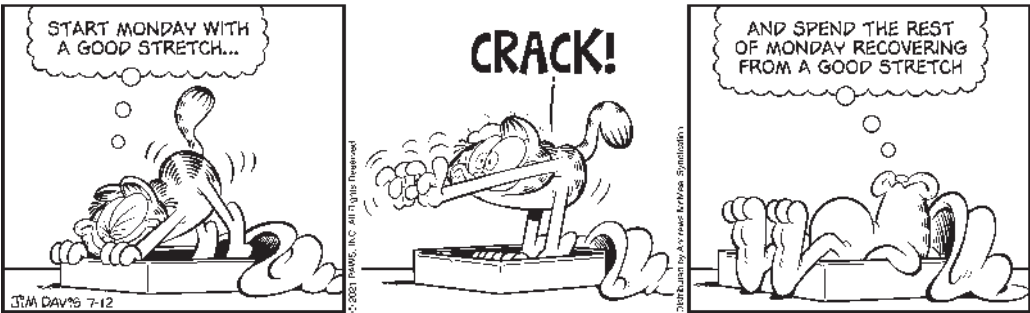
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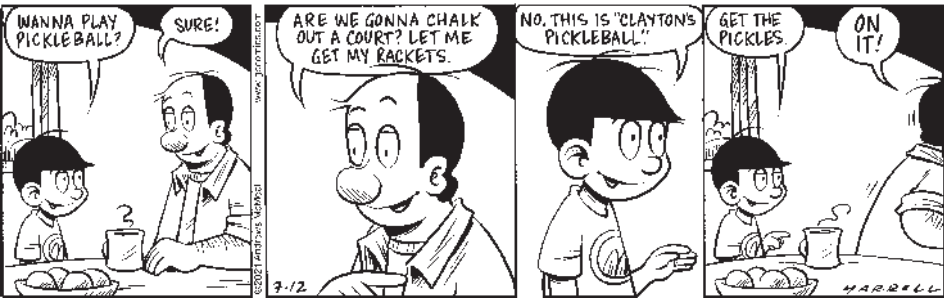
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Last Friday's Answer 07/12

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mala Yousafzai, 24; Kimberly Perry, 38; Topher Grace, 43; Steve Howey, 44.

Happy Birthday: Take care of pending financial, legal or medical issues. Make a point to reach out to people who can help you bring about change and influence the outcome of matters that concern you. Look for any opportunity to expand your mind, raise your earning potential and enrich your life. Do the work and reap the rewards. Your numbers are 6, 17, 20, 23, 34, 41, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a passionate approach to life, love and achieving happiness. Don't give in to someone who overreacts or pushes you around. Pay attention to how you look and present yourself to the world. Focus on fitness, health and emotional well-being. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep an open mind, but don't let anyone dictate how you live your life. Take the path that excites you most and brings you the satisfaction of personal accomplishment. You'll gain respect and support if you do your own thing. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Refuse to let anyone speak for you or push you in a direction you don't want to go. Take control and put your effort into what matters to you. Don't let the changes others make lead you astray. Self-improvement is favored. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Find something you enjoy doing and dig in; learn all you can. The knowledge you acquire will help you find a way to turn your

passion into a prosperous endeavor. Negotiate a contract, invest in yourself and broaden your horizons. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You don't have to make the first move. Spontaneity can affect a partnership negatively if you act before getting approval. Slow down, take a wait-and-see attitude and avoid a setback that can ruin your plans. Concentrate on personal improvement. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be secretive about what you are trying to do until you have tweaked every detail. Presenting an idea that is polished and ready to go will make it easy to persuade others to get involved. An open discussion will spark an opportunity. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Reach out to someone you can count on to tell you the truth, then digest the information you receive. Make adjustments that will help you fit into what's trending. Finding the best way to use your skills will encourage a unique opportunity. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Rethink your strategy. If you take on responsibilities that don't belong to you, it will cut into what you want to achieve or do with your life. Consider what you want to achieve and head in that direction. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put more restrictions on spending, and choose to work alone if you want to make the most of your time. Taking physical action to complete something important to you will lead to the rewards you desire. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Refuse to let anyone limit you. Don't let the changes others implement interfere with your plans. Do what comes naturally, and a chance to get ahead will come your way. Avoid emotional spending, and don't try to buy love. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep the peace. Problems with a friend, relative or lover will erupt if you aren't patient or willing to compromise. Turning a serious situation into a joint effort will help things come around. Love and romance will enrich your personal life. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put in the time and effort. Take care of your responsibilities before you move on to more enjoyable tasks. A positive idea will lead to a change at home. Share your thoughts and feelings with someone you love. ★★★

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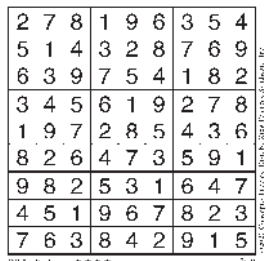
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By Dave Green



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Acuña needs season-ending surgery; Braves beat Marlins, 5-4



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Acuña Jr. will have season-ending surgery to repair a completely torn ACL in his right knee after he was injured during Atlanta's 5-4 win over the Miami Marlins on Saturday.

An MRI showed the severity of the injury and the Braves made the announcement shortly before midnight that their three-time All-Star will be out until at least next year.

Acuña landed awkwardly on his right leg after jumping on the warning track in right field to try to catch a drive from Jazz Chisholm Jr. in the fifth inning. The 23-year-old slammed into the outfield wall and crumbled on the warning track, immediately grabbing his right knee while Chisholm sprinted out an inside-the-park homer.

The 23-year-old Acuña did not put any weight on his right leg and had to be helped to a cart before being taken from the field.

Freddie Freeman had a two-run homer and an RBI single, while Dansby Swanson and Austin Riley ripped doubles as the first three Braves reached base off All-Star pitcher Trevor Rogers (7-6) in the fourth inning. Atlanta has won three straight over Miami.

Max Fried (6-5) gave up three consecutive hits after Acuña was injured. He went five innings with five strikeouts and allowed nine hits.

Dodgers 22, Diamondbacks 1

In Los Angeles, Justin Turner and Mookie Betts hit grand slams, Albert Pujols and AJ Pollock each homered twice and Los Angeles matched a franchise record by connecting eight times in all, routing Arizona.

Cody Bellinger and Zach McKinstry also homered as the Dodgers matched a Los Angeles mark for runs, last scoring 22 in 2001 at Colorado. This was their highest-scoring game ever at Dodger Stadium.

The Dodgers led 9-0 after two innings and breezed behind the pitching of Walker Buehler (9-1), who went six scoreless innings, allowing three hits and striking out seven.

The Dodgers won for just the second time in six games. The Dodgers improved to 8-1 against the Diamondbacks this season.

Phillies 11, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Jean Segura and Alec Bohm homered, and Philadelphia snapped Boston's nine-game home winning streak.

Segura opened the game with a drive over the Green Monster, and Bohm made it 3-0 with a two-run drive off Martín Pérez (7-5) in the second. The Phillies then broke it open with eight runs in the eighth, earning their fourth win six games.

Segura finished with three hits and three RBIs. Rhys Hoskins and Bryce Harper each hit a two-run double, and Ronald Torreyes had three hits. Bailey Falter (1-0) pitched two hitless innings for his first major league victory.

Xander Bogaerts hit a solo homer for Boston, which lost for just fourth time in 15 games.

Red Sox reliever Josh Taylor's streak of scoreless appearances ended at 26 games.

Giants 10, Nationals 4

In San Francisco, Brandon Crawford had three hits, including his 18th home run, and San Francisco routed Washington.

Anthony DeSclafani (10-3) had six strikeouts and pitched three-hit ball over six scoreless innings to win his 10th for the Giants. Thairo Estrada added four hits and two RBIs. Darin Ruf doubled and scored twice.

Washington's Starlin Castro singled to extend his hitting streak to 13 games. Alcides Escobar added a two-run triple.

The Giants batted around twice in the first three innings to chase starter Jon Lester (2-4).

Athletics 8, Rangers 4, 11 innings

In Arlington, Texas, Jed Lowrie hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the 11th inning after an earlier home run and Oakland beat Texas.

Lowrie hit a sharp single to right with one out in the 11th off Spencer Patton (0-1), who then threw a wild pitch that allowed another run before Stephen Piscotty added a two-run homer.

J.B. Wendelken (2-1), the sixth Oakland pitcher, worked both extra innings as the A's won for the third time in nine games.

There were five solo homers before the game went to extra innings, with both teams having back-to-back shots.

Texas' Adolis Garcia and Joey Gallo homered in a span of three pitches in the first.

Sean Murphy and Seth Brown went back-to-back in the A's second.

Pirates 6, Mets 2, 1st Game

Mets 4, Pirates 2, 2nd Game

In New York, Pete Alonso homered, Jeff McNeil drove in two runs and New York beat Pittsburgh for a double-



Atlanta Braves right fielder Ronald Acuna Jr., center, is carried to a medical cart after trying to make a catch on an inside-the-park home run hit by Miami Marlins' Jazz Chisholm Jr. during the fifth inning of a baseball game, Saturday, July 10, 2021, in Miami.

header split.

Alonso gave the Mets a 3-1 lead when he connected on a 1-1 fastball from Max Kranick (1-1) with two outs in the third inning.

The Pirates won the opener behind five innings and a tie-breaking homer by Tyler Anderson off Marcus Stroman.

All-Star Bryan Reynolds hit a two-run homer in the opener and an RBI single in the nightcap for the Pirates. Jacob Stallings connected for Pittsburgh in the second game.

Mets right-hander Tylor Megill allowed one run and four hits in 3 2/3 innings in the nightcap. Jeurys Familia (4-1) got the final out of the fourth, and Seth Lugo allowed Stallings' homer in the sixth.

Edwin Diaz struck out the side in the seventh for his 19th save in 20 chances.

Kranick allowed three runs and four hits in three innings.

In the opener, Anderson (5-8) pitched five innings and hit a tiebreaking homer, leading Pittsburgh past New York in the first game of a doubleheader. He won consecutive starts for the second time this season, allowing two runs and six hits.

Bryan Reynolds also connected for the Pirates. John Nogowski had two hits and two RBIs.

Marcus Stroman (6-7) lost his third straight decision. He was charged with three runs and five hits in five innings.

Jonathan Villar homered for the Mets.

Yankees 1, Astros 0

In Houston, Gerrit Cole demanded on the mound that manager Aaron Boone let him get the final out, then struck out Yordan Alvarez with a 99 mph fastball on his career-high 129th pitch to cap the New York's win over Houston.

Aaron Judge hit a solo homer and Cole completed a three-

hitter for his fifth career complete game and third shutout. Cole (9-4) tied a season low in hits and struck out 12.

Zack Greinke (8-3) lasted just four innings, allowing three hits and one run in his first loss since May 25.

Rays 5, Blue Jays 2

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Brandon Lowe homered twice and Mike Zunino also connected, helping Tampa Bay beat Toronto for its sixth straight win.

Ryan Yarbrough (6-3) pitched five innings of two-run ball, improving to 5-0 in his last 12 appearances. Diego Castillo finished the six-hitter for his 13th save.

Lowe has four career multi-homer games, including May 21 against the Blue Jays. He opened the scoring with his 19th homer, connecting on the first pitch leading off the first.

Randy Arozarena added an eighth-inning RBI single for the Rays.

Marcus Semien hit his 22nd homer for the Blue Jays, who have lost four of five. Ross Stripling (3-5) allowed four runs and four hits in 3 2/3 innings.

Twins 9, Tigers 4

In Minneapolis, Jorge Polanco hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the seventh inning and Minnesota rallied from a four-run deficit to beat Detroit.

Alex Kirilloff also homered for Minnesota. Luis Arraez drove in two insurance runs with an eighth-inning single.

Niko Goodrum and Zack Short hit back-to-back solo homers in the second inning for Detroit.

Danny Colombe (1-0) earned his first win since 2018 with 1 1/3 scoreless innings of relief.

Reliever Joe Jimenez (2-1) took the loss for Detroit, which used seven pitchers in the game.

White sox 8, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Brian Goodwin had four hits, including a solo homer, and drove in three runs as Chicago beat Baltimore for its fourth straight win.

Chicago has won nine of 12 and has taken seven in a row from the Orioles dating to 2019.

Lucas Giolito (7-6) struck out nine while allowing two runs in 5 1/3 innings to beat the Orioles for the second time this season. Liam Hendriks earned his AL-leading 23rd save.

Thomas Eshelman (0-2) gave up four runs in two-plus innings and has not completed five innings in any of his five starts.

Domingo Leyba had RBI singles in the fourth and sixth for Baltimore, which has lost three in a row and is 1-6 in July.

Indians 14, Royals 6

In Cleveland, César Hernández and Óscar Mercado each hit a three-run homer, and Cleveland beat struggling Kansas City.

Hernández's 15th homer capped a six-run fourth inning against Mike Minor (6-8). Mercado's drive highlighted a four-run seventh that put the game away.

The Indians have beaten the Royals eight straight times this season. The Royals have dropped 15 of 18 to fall a season-worst 17 games under .500.

Mercado had three hits and drove in four runs. José Ramírez and Roberto Pérez also homered for Cleveland, which totaled 17 hits.

Cal Quantrill (1-2) allowed three runs in six innings.

Reds 4, Brewers 3

In Milwaukee, Eugenio Suárez hit a leadoff home run in the ninth inning against All-Star closer Josh Hader and Cincinnati beat Milwaukee in a game that included

three ejections.

Suárez hit a 2-0 pitch from Hader (3-1) into the second deck of the right-field bleachers for his 18th homer.

Heath Hembree took care of Milwaukee in the bottom half for his second consecutive save and sixth overall. Josh Osich (2-0) got one out in the eighth for the win.

Tyrone Taylor hit a two-run homer off Reds reliever Brad Brach in the eighth.

Brewers manager Craig Counsell, Brewers star Christian Yelich and the Reds' Joey Votto were ejected.

Cardinals 6, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Paul Goldschmidt, Paul DeJong and Tommy Edman homered in the fifth inning, and St. Louis blanked Chicago.

Kwang Hyun Kim (4-5) struck out seven in six innings, permitting five hits and walking one. He extended his scoreless streak to 15 innings.

The sputtering Cubs lost for the 13th time in 15 games. Javier Báez had two of the team's six hits.

Zach Davies (5-6) gave up three runs and seven hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Mariners 2, Angels 0

In Seattle, Chris Flexen pitched three-hit ball for seven innings in another home win, Luis Torrens added an RBI triple and Seattle beat Los Angeles.

David Fletchers of the Angels extended his hitting streak to 23 games.

Flexen (8-3) struck out six and improved to 6-2 in 10 starts at home as the Mariners won their third straight. Paul Sewald got Shohei Ohtani to strike out swinging on the way to his second save and a combined three-hitter.

Patrick Sandoval (2-3) struck out six and gave up six hits over seven innings, but got no run support.

Rockies 3, Padres 0

In San Diego, German Marquez pitched seven dominant innings, limiting the Padres to three hits and leading Colorado over San Diego.

Colorado is a major league-worst 8-34 on the road. The Rockies had lost nine in a row at Petco Park before Marquez (8-6) took over.

Marquez struck out nine and threw 86 pitches, 58 for strikes.

Padres starter Joe Musgrove (5-7) was cruising until the fifth inning when he loaded the bases with one out and surrendered a two-run single to Charlie Blackmon.

Rockies leadoff hitter Raimel Tapia got a hit and walked twice, stole two bases and scored two runs.

US falls to Nigeria 90-87 in pre-Olympic opener



LAS VEGAS (AP)—This is not how USA Basketball expected to open its Olympic summer.

Nigeria probably didn't expect it, either.

If there was any expectation of invincibility for the Americans heading into the Tokyo Olympics, it's already gone — after Nigeria beat the U.S. 90-87 on Saturday night, an international shocker pulled off by a roster primarily filled by little-known NBA players that found a way to beat a group of All-NBA, All-Star and max-contract performers.

"We just wanted to compete," said Nigeria's Gabe Nnamdi, who goes by Gabe Vincent when playing for the Miami Heat. "We know what USA Basketball means around the world and what they've stood for for so long."

The U.S. had lost 11 games before Saturday in major international play — Olympics and World Cups, mostly — since NBA players began filling the American rosters with the first Dream Team in 1992. None of those losses came against a team from Africa.

"I thought that the Nigerian team played very physically, did a great job in that regard and knocked down a lot of 3s," U.S. coach Gregg Popovich said. "Give them credit."

Nnamdi led Nigeria with 21 points. Caleb Agada scored 17 points, Ike Nwamu added 13 and Nigeria outscored the U.S. 60-30 from 3-point range.

Kevin Durant, who had never before played in a loss for USA Basketball in 39 senior international games, had 17 points. Jayson Tatum added 15, Damian Lillard had 14 and Bam Adebayo 11.

"Just goes to show that we have to play better," Tatum said.

A lot better.

The Americans had gone 39-0 in their last three Olympic seasons — including pre-Olympic exhibitions — on their way to gold medals and had been 54-2 in major exhibitions since NBA players began playing for USA Basketball in 1992. Plus, they'd beaten Nigeria by a combined 127 points in their last two meetings, one at the 2012 London Games, the other a warm-up for the 2016 Rio Games.

Nigeria lost to the U.S. at the 2012 Olympics by 83 points. Lost to the Americans again four years later in an exhibition, that time by 44 points.

Not this time.

"Nigeria's come a long way with their basketball," USA Basketball managing director



Nigeria's Gabe Nnamdi Vincent (22) looks to pass against the United States during an exhibition basketball game Saturday, July 10, 2021, in Las Vegas. AP

Jerry Colangelo said.

Ike Iroegbu — a former Washington State player who some time in the G League — hit a 3-pointer with about 1:15 left to put Nigeria up 88-80. Durant scored the next seven points for the U.S.; a 3-pointer, two free throws following a turnover, then two more from the line with 16.5 seconds remaining.

Nnamdi made two foul shots with 13.2 seconds left to restore Nigeria's 3-point edge. The Americans ran 9.7 seconds off the clock on the ensuing possession without getting a shot off, and Zach LaVine missed a pair of free throws — the second intentionally — with 3.5 seconds left.

Precious Achiuwa got the rebound for Nigeria, and that was it. It's only an exhibition — but the upset was still of the massive variety, the 22nd-ranked nation by FIBA beating the No. 1-ranked team and three-time reigning Olymp-

pic gold medalists.

Popovich heard the final buzzer and shook hands with Nigeria coach Mike Brown, the Golden State assistant, as the Americans walked off stunned.

"At the end of the day, it doesn't mean much in the standings as far as where we're trying to get to," Brown said. "But it's a good win for us. I don't think any African team has been able to beat USA Basketball in an exhibition game or a real game. ... We're trying to get a little bit of momentum for Nigeria and for the continent of Africa."

The U.S. led 43-41 at the half, then pushed the lead out to 52-43 early in the third. But the Nigerians connected on 3s on their next three possessions — Vincent, Achiuwa and Nwamu all connected — and just like that, the game was tied.

Achiuwa took one 3-pointer all season with the Heat. It missed. But he connected in this one, as did Miye Oni — who made two 3s in the fourth quarter, including the one that put Nigeria up for good with 6:08 left. Oni averaged all of 1.9 points per game this season for Utah, and made two enormous shots late Saturday to help seal the U.S. fate.

"We kept the game simple," Nnamdi said, "and came out on top."

Achiuwa had perhaps the night's top defensive play with 1:23 left in the first half, reaching with his left hand to block a Durant dunk attempt. Nigeria outrebounded the U.S. 46-34.

Darius Garland and Saddiq Bey were Select Team players who got into the game. The Olympic team needed extra players because Khris Middleton, Jrue Holiday and Devin Booker are at the NBA Finals.

Been there before: Bucks, down 2-0, look for life at home



MILWAUKEE (AP)—For the second time this postseason, the Milwaukee Bucks have staggered home with a 2-0 deficit and key players not shooting straight.

Milwaukee fans waited 47 years to see the NBA Finals return to their city. They will end up watching Chris Paul, Devin Booker and the Phoenix Suns celebrate a championship at Fiserv Forum if the home team can't turn things around quickly.

"We have been down 0-2 before," Bucks All-Star Khris Middleton said. "Not saying we can do the same exact thing we did last time. It's going to be tough. That's a great team over there.

But we've just got to stay the course."

Game 3 is Sunday night, the first NBA Finals game in Milwaukee since 1974 figuring to be a raucous scene inside and outside the arena.

The Suns are ready.

"We've got to be us and we've got to be the hungrier team, and so that's what we'll do," Paul said.

The Suns had a pair of double-digit victories in Phoenix, where they were largely in control throughout the second half in both games. No team has overcome a 3-0 deficit in the NBA, so the Bucks' situation is dire.

But they battled back from a situation that appeared just as bleak last month.

The Bucks dropped two games in Brooklyn to start the Eastern Conference semifinals

and were even less competitive there than they were in Phoenix. Milwaukee trailed by 49 points in Game 2 on its way to a 125-86 loss.

"Game 2 we got smacked, embarrassed," Middleton recalled. "A lot of people thought our season was done. We still believed in ourselves."

The Bucks took the next two at home to even things up and won the series in a Game 7 thriller in Brooklyn, but they had some help in that comeback. Kyrie Irving missed the last three games with a sprained ankle and James Harden played through them without much speed because of a hamstring strain, leaving the Nets without much good guard play.

No such luck for the Bucks this time.

Booker and Paul have com-

bined for 113 points, passing Golden State's Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson (106 in 2018) for the most points from a starting backcourt in the NBA Finals in the last 50 years.

The Bucks can't count on a change of scenery to change the way the Suns will attack them.

"It's the finals. We're playing for the prize," Booker said. "I don't think there's going to be a storm that we haven't seen."

The Bucks are 7-1 at home in the postseason, but now they welcome what was the NBA's best traveling team. Phoenix was 24-12 on the road during the regular season and has gone 6-2 in the postseason, closing out all three of its series in its opponent's building.

Booker thinks the strict coronavirus protocols this season — which largely prevented players from going out much on road trips — strengthened team bonding because of the time spent together in hotels.

Paul has a different explanation for the Suns' road success. "It's nice when you can silence a crowd," he said. "It's fun, it's entertaining. I think our team, we have the right mindset for it."

Middleton shot 5 for 16 in Game 2, while Jrue Holiday put up 4-for-14 and 7-for-21 clunkers in Phoenix. He has the task of trying to guard Booker and Paul, perhaps sapping some of the effort he can give on the other end.

"The amount of effort that it takes and that we're putting that on his shoulders defensively is significant," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer

said. "But it's the playoffs. It's the finals. I think everybody has got to be able to do it at a high level on both ends of the court."

With Holiday and Middleton struggling in the 118-108 loss Thursday, the Bucks were again far off their NBA-leading average of 120.1 points during the regular season. Giannis Antetokounmpo scored a playoff career-high 42 points, but he needs more help.

Perhaps he will get a boost Sunday from his teammates.

He'll surely get one from his fans.

"It's going to be fun," Antetokounmpo said. "We know playing in the NBA Finals in front of the fans that have supported us all year long, and it's been (almost) 50 years since we played one here in Milwaukee, for sure it's going to be exciting."

Goolagong Cawley saw champion potential in Barty years ago

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)—Evonne Goolagong Cawley stayed up well past her usual bedtime on Saturday night. Not that she minded being tired when she woke up all-too-early on Sunday morning: her friend and protégé Ash Barty was the new Wimbledon champion.

Barty completed a 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3 win over Karolina Pliskova in the women's singles final at the All England Club on Saturday. It was just past 1 a.m. Sunday on Australia's east coast when the match ended and Goolagong Cawley and her husband, Roger Cawley, may have woken up the neighbors with their noisy reaction at their home on the Sunshine Coast, north of Brisbane.

There wasn't much time to sleep before the phone calls started. "It was very emotional for me to be watching Ash," Goolagong Cawley said Sunday. "I'm so proud of her and the way she handles herself on and off the court. She's like a little sister to me, so it seems like a family win today."

Goolagong won Wimbledon twice—for the first time 50 years ago in 1971—and again in 1980. Until Barty's victory, that had been the last time an Australian woman won a singles title at Wimbledon.

Barty's wins and her career have been intertwined with Goolagong Cawley because of their Indigenous heritage -- Goolagong Cawley is a Wiradjuri woman and Barty a Ngaragu woman. Their Aboriginal ancestors are from the same state -- New South Wales, although the Wiradjuri people are mostly in the central areas, and the Ngaragu from the southeast.

The two have known each other since Barty was 15.

"Evonne is a very special person in my life," said Barty, whose outfit was a tribute to the dress Goolagong Cawley wore when she won Wimbledon for the first time. "I think she has been iconic in paving a way for young indigenous youth to believe in their dreams and to chase their dreams. She's done exactly that for me as well."

Goolagong Cawley made it



AP
Australia's Ashleigh Barty poses with the winners trophy for the media after winning the women's singles final after defeating the Czech Republic's Karolina Pliskova on day twelve of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Saturday, July 10, 2021

well along with your many fans around the world and back in Australia. Rocket."

Barty's parents — Rob and Josie Barty — said in an interview with Australian Associated Press on Sunday that they he had no idea initially that the youngest of their three daughters would ever become a Wimbledon and French Open Grand Slam singles champion and world No. 1.

"We weren't tennis players. We were golfers," Barty's father, Rob, said. "We just thought she was one of these kids that could do everything. We had no idea. People used to say how good she was at tennis but we just thought she was a kid having fun.

clear in an interview Sunday that it was a mutual admiration society.

"She made me proud from the first time I saw her," Goolagong Cawley said. "She was 13 and after I saw her in a match, I knew she had all the

skills — the slice, the volley, the smash, everything in one game! I looked at Roger (her husband Roger Cawley) and we thought 'She's got it, she's going to be a champion.' So look at her now."

Australian tennis great

Rod Laver chipped in with his congratulations to Barty on Twitter: "So happy for you (at)ashbarty, your dream comes true and what a fight. Congratulations on your Wimbledon victory, I hope you and your team celebrate

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the Solomon Islands to complete the construction of all the facilities it requires to successfully host the 2023 Pacific Games," said Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare in a national address.

The PGC executive board said it signed on to the new dates after consultations with the 22-member Pacific

Games Associations and the 24 Oceania federations for the sports on the 2023 Pacific Games program.

The Pacific Games Council said it was assured that the venue construction program, largely supported by the Chinese, Indonesian, and Papua New Guinea governments, and which is underway, should be completed by mid-2023, but a July start of the Pacific Games allowed little time to

test the venues and make them fully operational.

Starting the Pacific Games in July would also not allow for contingencies in the event of further slippage in the construction program due to natural causes like heavier than usual rains. The Pacific Games Council said these additional four months of preparation time will allow the venues to be fully completed and tested.

The 2023 Honiara Pacific

Games will have 23 sports in the events calendar. It include the core sports of athletics, basketball (5x5 and 3x3), boxing, football, golf, judo, outrigger canoe, rugby 7s, sailing, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, triathlon, volleyball (indoor and beach), and weightlifting as well as seven optional sports that were chosen, namely bodybuilding, hockey, karate, netball, powerlifting, rugby 9s, and touch rugby.

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Saipan so that was fun. Also there were a lot of people cheering for us or I hope they were cheering for us. They were clapping," he said.

Jim, meanwhile, topped the women's division after the veteran CNMI runner completed the course in 22.20.

"Good I feel good. This is actually my usual running route. That's why I just enjoyed it," the Saitama, Japan native said after the race.

The many-time CNMI national runner added that she appreciated that the Mangrove Run coincided with the 37th Annual Saipan International Fishing Derby and she saw many people she knew along the race's route. "I knew some people and they said 'hi.'"

Audrey Christley finished second to Jim with a time of 23:43, while Rosemarie Fontanilla Chisato came third with a time of 26:50.

Run Saipan's Edward Dela Cruz congratulated all

the winners and thanked all the participants of the Mangrove Run, named after the shrubs that line up the pathway along the run route past the Boating Safety Office toward the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park.

"Big shout out to everyone that came out this morning that came out this morning congratulations to all runners for not only completing it but safely making it through our very first park run 5K!"

He also thanked Saipan International School head master Ron Snyder for lend-

ing Run Saipan the school's start/finisher arc as well as Northern Marianas Athletics secretary general Robin Sapong for serving as the one-man starter. He also extended his kudos to volunteer photographers on site, John Chloel Delos Reyes and Lao Zhang, media that covered the event, and the Marianas Visitors Authority for letting them borrow their timing system.

Run Saipan's next 5K series—the Underground 5K 21.7—will be in late August.

DERBY

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league. He just didn't wanna die. It took a long time before he died even after we tied it up on the boat. I had to stab him with a knife," he said.

His medieval encounter with the stubborn billfish notwithstanding, Hattig remained even-keeled and said that them getting the heaviest catch in Day 1 is no guarantee he'll win the tournament's top prize.

"Everybody hopes so, but you'll never know. We will still

go out tomorrow (Sunday). There's still a lot of categories to win," he said, adding that he wants to thank the organizer, the Saipan Fisherman's Association, for holding the tournament this year despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're happy to come back up here and fish for the weekend after a year's respite. We didn't come last year because COVID-19 held us back," he said.

Incidentally, Hattig was part of the *Emmanuel* crew that landed the record 952-lb marlin in the 2012 edition of the

Saipan International Fishing Tournament.

Other Day 1 leaders are the following: *10-61* for wahoo (24 lbs) and mahi-mahi (5 lbs), *Cecilio and Kapon* for yellowfin (67 lbs), and *Hand-liner* for skipjack (9.3 lbs).

A total of 90 boats—68 from Saipan, 17 from Guam, and five from Tinian—are taking part in the two-day fishing derby that is sponsored by the following: Marpac Budweiser, Mobil Oil Marianas, TSL Foundation/TanHoldings, Triple J Enterprises, Pacifica Insurance Underwriter, Inc.,

CIC Insurance, Docomo Pacific, Roil Soil, Pacific Rim Land Development, Paradise Dental Spa, Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia), Inc., Atkins Kroll Saipan, Matson Inc., D&Q International Distributors, Naked Fish, Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council, Muzik Production, WSTCO, MINA, Micronesian Marine, Marianas Coffee, Johnny's Bar & Grill, Herman's Modern Bakery, Century Hotel, Fishing Tackle & Sporting Goods, Joeten Motors, Inas' Kitchen, and Bank of Saipan.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	55	35	.611	—
Tampa Bay	53	36	.596	1½
New York	46	42	.523	8
Toronto	44	42	.512	9
Baltimore	28	60	.318	26

Central Division

Chicago	53	35	.602	—
Cleveland	45	42	.517	7½
Detroit	40	50	.444	14
Minnesota	38	50	.432	15
Kansas City	36	53	.404	17½

West Division

Houston	54	36	.600	—
Oakland	51	40	.560	3½
Seattle	48	42	.533	6
Los Angeles	44	44	.500	9
Texas	35	54	.393	18½

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

New York	47	39	.547	—
Atlanta	44	44	.500	4
Philadelphia	43	44	.494	4½
Washington	42	46	.477	6
Miami	38	50	.432	10

Central Division

Milwaukee	53	38	.582	—
Cincinnati	47	42	.528	5
Chicago	44	46	.489	8½
St. Louis	44	46	.489	8½
Pittsburgh	33	56	.371	19

West Division

San Francisco	56	32	.636	—
San Angeles	55	35	.611	2
San Diego	53	39	.576	5
Colorado	39	51	.433	18
Arizona	26	65	.286	31½

NBA STANDINGS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Doncic, DAL	7	96	27	250	35.7
Durant, BKN	12	145	88	411	34.3
Lillard, POR	6	62	47	206	34.3
Mitchell, UTA	10	105	63	323	32.3
Tatum, BOS	5	47	45	153	30.6
Morant, MEM	5	55	31	151	30.2
Beal, WAS	5	56	31	150	30.0
Jokic, DEN	10	116	46	298	29.8
Young, ATL	16	150	116	461	28.8
Antetokounmpo, MIL	17	195	83	485	28.5
Embiid, PHI	11	101	91	309	28.1
Booker, PHO	18	167	115	490	27.2
George, LAC	19	165	130	511	26.9
Brooks, MEM	5	50	21	129	25.8
James, LAL	6	54	14	140	23.3
Middleton, MIL	19	159	70	438	23.1
Irving, BKN	9	77	26	204	22.7
Harris, PHI	12	105	35	261	21.8
McCollum, POR	6	50	10	124	20.7
Harden, BKN	9	51	56	182	20.2

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Gafford, WAS	22	26	.846
Gobert, UTA	60	81	.741
Ayton, PHO	132	190	.695
Simmons, PHI	59	95	.621
Hachimura, WAS	29	47	.617
Capela, ATL	82	136	.603

Thompson, BOS	20	34	.588
Curry, PHI	85	147	.578
Leonard, LAC	122	213	.573
Valanciunas, MEM	33	58	.569

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Antetokounmpo, MIL	17	41	178	219	12.9
Gobert, UTA	11	43	92	135	12.3
Ayton, PHO	18	60	158	218	12.1
Randle, NY	5	11	47	58	11.6
Jokic, DEN	10	37	79	116	11.6
Capela, ATL	18	61	140	201	11.2
Drummond, LAL	5	19	36	55	11.0
Embiid, PHI	11	16	100	116	10.5
Westbrook, WAS	5	14	38	52	10.4
Nurkic, POR	6	18	44	62	10.3

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Westbrook, WAS	5	59	11.8
Doncic, DAL	7	72	10.3
Lillard, POR	6	61	10.2
Young, ATL	16	152	9.5
Simmons, PHI	12	106	8.8
Paul, PHO	16	139	8.7
Harden, BKN	9	77	8.6
Holiday, MIL	19	159	8.4
Morant, MEM	5	41	8.2
James, LAL	6	48	8.0

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Marshall, Noriko speediest in Mangrove Run



Marshall Hoskins



Noriko Jim

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Marshall Hoskins made it back-to-back, while Noriko Jim won her first in Saturday morning's Run Saipan Underground 5K 21.6 Mangrove Run that meandered around American Memorial Park.

Hoskins, who also topped the so-called Banzai Cliff Run in June and Mt. Tapochau run last April, completed the 5K run in under 20 minutes or 19.28 to be exact.

This time around, the 27-year-old from Pennsylvania encountered stiff competition as the elite of short-distance races showed up bright

and early for the July race.

A few ticks of the clock behind Hoskins was Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Michiteru Mita, who crossed the finish line in 19:35, while Grandvrio Resort Saipan assistant F&B manager Shuji Kuroda completed the Top 3 among the men at 19:43.



"They were with me for majority of the race which put a lot of pressure on me to go faster. I didn't know I was gonna be able to keep it up. I was pleasantly surprised at the end that I had enough energy to keep going and open my stride a bit," said Hoskins after the race.

He added that the Mangrove Run, which started across the U.S. Army base/troop store in

Puerto Rico with a turnaround at the Micro Beach pavilion and with turns to the Outer Cove Marina, was a welcome change from the usual running events Run Saipan did in the past.

"It's not just turns, man, the people...I ran back through a lot of people repin' Run

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Da'Net lands heaviest fish in Day 1 of fishing derby

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The Guamanian crew of *Da'Net*, captained by John Hattig Sr., reeled in the biggest billfish—or any fish



for that matter—in Day 1 of the 37th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament held in the waters off the CNMI this past weekend.

Hattig, who is the father of former Toronto Blue Jay John Jr., landed a 358-lb. specimen at a little past 1pm Saturday after an hour-and-a-half struggle. His crew is made up of Frank Benavente and Matthew Diaz.

"We got it 2 miles off Coke Reef. It's all luck. Fishing is luck no matter where you get it. I was coming back from

Esmeralda Bank and I just decided to come back and it was 2 miles before Coke Reef

when it hit," he told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at the Smiling Cove Marina.

Good thing for Hattig using a bat was second nature to the family.

"It fought for almost an hour and a half or so because it just stayed down when it hit and it didn't come out of the water. It just stayed in the water and it was pulling line. So we were fighting for over an hour. Even when it came up he didn't want to die so I kept banging it with a baseball bat like we normally do. It brought back my memories of playing [Guam] major

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2023 Pacific Games postponement to Nov. OK'd

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The Pacific Games Council has approved the Solomon Islands' request to delay the start of the 2023 Pacific Games from July to November to give it more time to complete the sports facilities for the quadrennial event.

Due to COVID-19 causing inevitable delays to the commencement of the venue construction program in Honiara, the Solomon Islands earlier requested the change of dates from the original July 16-29 2023 schedule to Nov. 19-Dec. 2, 2023.

"First and foremost, let me convey to the executive board of the Pacific Games Council, and to the 22-member Pacific Games Associations and the



Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare takes part in the ground-breaking ceremony for the 2023 Pacific Games \$53-million national stadium in Honiara that has a capacity for 10,000 visitors with 1,000 VIP seats.

24 Oceania federations for the sports on the Games program, the sincere appreciation of our nation and our govern-

ment for the kindred spirit demonstrated by the members of our Pacific family to allow the deferment of the 2023 Pa-

cific Games by four months. This short delay will enable

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Da'Net captain John Hattig Sr., right, and a crewmember pose with their 358-lb catch last Saturday in Day 1 of the 37th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament at the Smiling Cove Marina weighing station.